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MINUTES

OF THE

SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 21, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
John Macky, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
Jas. Read,

On application,

Ordered, That the Sloop Betsy, Capt. Nathaniel Prudden, late from Bermuda, be permitted to take on board, for her Stores, four barrels of Bread, four bbls of Flour, barrels of Beef, four barrels of pork & Six Kegs of Biscuit.

Pass to Boston given to Ezra Cole & Dav'd Kean, Seamen.

A proposal from James Hopkins respecting the searching the Wrecks in Delaware, being read and considered;

Ordered, That Mr. James Hopkins be permitted to search the Wrecks in the River Delaware, & take up whatever may be found there, & that the Gallies in the Service of the State give him assistance therein on the following terms, Viz: That one-Third of the proceeds be accounted for to the State, One-Third for the benefit of the Officers & Men of the Gallies, & the remainder for the use of Mr. Hopkins, And that an Order do issue for £128, specifying the application thereof, to be for providing a number of Articles necessary for the said attempt, to be repaid out of the first Articles which shall be found; & an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said James Hopkins for the Sum of One Hundred & Twenty-Eight Pounds.

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Ordered, That the Sloop Experiment, Stafford Dickinson Master, be permitted to take on board, for her Stores, four barrels of Bread or Flour, four barrels of Pork, four barrels of Beef, & six Kegs of Biscuit.

Petition of Peter Clark, a disabled Galley-man, praying to be allowed Rations instead of Money, was read & referred to Dr. Hutchinson, to enquire into the state of the Petitioner & report to this Board what condition he is in, & whether the petitioner's disorders have not proceeded from intemperance rather than any natural cause.

Application having been made yesterday by Charles Petit, Esq'r, Assistant Q'r M'r General, for One hundred Waggons, for the transportation of Stores from the city to Susquehanna, for the intended expedition against the Indians, & relief of the Frontiers;

Resolved, That a Warrant do issue to the Waggon Master of Philadelphia County for Sixty Waggons, & the like Warrant to the Waggon Master of Chester County for Forty Waggons.

A Letter from Charles Petit, Esq'r, Assistant Q'r M'r General, requesting a like warrant to issue to the Waggon Masters of Northampton & Berks to supply such numbers of Waggons as Gen'l Sullivan or Col. Hooper, D. Q. M. G., may require, or a limited number not expressed.

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be postponed 'til the Afternoon, & that Mr. Petit be desired to meet the Council at 5 o'clock this Afternoon.

A Return of Militia Officers, chosen in the County of Chester, Viz: 5th Company of 2nd Battalion, Capt., John Bryan; first Lieu., Robert Thompson; Second Lieu., John Power; Ensign, John Douglass. Elected April 26, 1779.

Ordered, That Commissions be accordingly issued.

A representation from John Knox, in behalf of the Companies sweeping the Rivers, that they had five Nine Pound Cannon & an Anchor of 8cwt. or 9cwt., & requesting to know if the Council chuse to purchase them.

Ordered, That the said Company be informed that the Council have not any present occasion to purchase them, & that they are at liberty to sell them, accounting to the State for its proportion.

A Letter from Rob't Morris, Esq'r, requesting a recommendation for Rach'l Edwards to pass into New York not to return:

Ordered, That the said Rachel Edwards have a recommendation accordingly, she giving security not to return without special permission from this Council. And also to Mary Lucas on like condition And also to Mary Compton on like condition

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President

James Read, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Matthew Smith, &

A Letter from the President of Congress, of the 19th, inclosing a resolve of Congress respecting Bermuda, of the 18th instant.

The Petition of Thomas Crouch, now confined in the Goal of Reading, & under sentence of Death, praying pardon or reprieve, was read and rejected.

John Creigh, Esq'r, one of the Justices for the County of Cumberland, attended & resigned his authority as a Justice of the Peace of the said County, & the resignation was thereupon accepted.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do deliver to the Hon'ble Matthew Smith, or order, Five hundred Weight of Gunpowder, & One Thousand five hundred Weight of Lead, to be deposited in the hands of Col. Elder, Sub-Lieu of the County of Lancaster, for the use of the Militia.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 24, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Matthew Smith, James Read, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, Jacob Arndt,

A Letter from the President of Congress, dated 22d instant, inclosing a resolution of Congress for calling in Forty-five Millions of Dollars, was read and ordered to be filed.

Maj. Gen'l St. Clair having recommended Rob't Hamilton & Abraham Kinney, Gentlemen, as proper persons to be Ensigns in the Third Reg't,

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Board of War to be Commissioned accordingly. Mr. Hamilton's Commission to bear prior date one day.

Mr. Parr, in behalf of himself & partner, having requested permission to sell at vendue a quantity of Claret,

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Resolved, That the same cannot be granted, Vendues being expressly prohibited by Law, except in particular cases.

A Letter from Col. Carothers, Lieu. of Cumberland County, inclosing his Commission as Lieutenant, & requesting to resign the same.

Resolved, That the President acquaint Mr. Carothers that his resignation at this time will be inconvenient, & that as there is no Member of this Board for Cumberland, he be requested to continue in the Office until the Council consider farther, & have an opportunity to enquire for a suitable person to succeed him.

A Letter of the same nature from James Gregory, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant, was also read to the same purpose.

Resolved, That the same Answer be given.

Mr. Sprogell, Muster Master of the State, made a return of the Seamen & Marines belonging to the Ship Gen'l Green, the former amounting to 83 Men, including Officers, & the latter to 29—Total, 112.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 25, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, James Read, & Matthew Smith, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

A Letter wrote to Capt. Montgomery, directing him to proceed to Sea with all possible dispatch.

Resolved, That Mr. Sam'l Hollinshead be and he is hereby appointed Master of the State Ship Gen'l Green and receive subsistance as Officers of the same Rank, on board Continental Vessels. The above appointment is to take place from the 22d April last.

Resolved, That Mr. John Reed be appointed first Midshipman of said Ship, & receive subsistance as Officers of the same Rank on board Continental Vessels.

Resolved, That Mr. John Wessell be appointed second Midshipman of said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Matthew Taylor be appointed third do. of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. John Kemper be appointed fourth do. of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That William Barber be appointed fifth do. of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Will'm Maxfield be appointed Boatswain of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

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Resolved, That Mr. John Ramsay be appointed Boatswain Mate of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. John Dean be appointed first Mate of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. John Bruce be appointed second Mate of the said Ship, and receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Daniel Triepsall be appointed Steward of the said Ship, and receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. James Ward, Steward's Mate, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Alex'a Harvey be appointed first Quarter Master of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Shaw be appointed second Quarter Master of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Will. Hatfield be appointed Third Quarter Master of the said Ship, and receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. John Hayes be appointed fourth Quarter Master of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. James Thompson be appointed Gunner of the said Ship, & receive subsistance as aforesaid.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, for purchasing Rum, Sugar, Tea, &ca., for the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 26, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, James Read, Jac'b Arndt, & Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rob't Lollar, Esq'r, Pay-master of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for paying the Militia of the said County, for which he is to account.

A Transcript of the record of conviction of William McCoy, Dan'l Monaghan & Patrick Drogan, late of the County of Northampton, before the Judges of the Supreme Court held at Easton, for the County of Northampton, on the seventeenth day of May, inst., of Murder, and the sentence of the Court thereupon "that

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they, the said Will'm McCoy, Dan'l Monaghan & Patrick Drogan, be hanged by the Neck 'till they be dead," being read;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Saturday the twelfth day of June next be appointed for the execution of the said sentence, between the hours of ten of the Clock of the Forenoon & two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of Execution, & that a Warrant, under the less Seal of the State, signed by the President & attested by the Secretary, be accordingly issued.

The Hon'ble the Congress of these United States having transmitted to this board the following resolution, Viz:

"In Congress, 22d May, 1779.

"WHEREAS, a proposition has been made for exchanging a number of the Good Citizens of these States who are in captivity at Niagara & its vicinity, for disaffected Citizens who are desirous of joining the Enemy:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in the Northern department, or any two of them, be authorized & directed, with the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief & the Governor or Executive Authority of the several States whose Citizens respectively shall be the subject of the proposed exchanges, to negotiate & settle such exchange, in the manner & on the terms they shall judge reasonable & expedient.

"Extract from the Minutes."

"CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y."

Whereupon, the same being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That the Agents for confiscated Estates be directed & requested to transmit to this Board from time to time, the names of such disaffected Citizens as fall within the description of the above resolve, in order that proper steps may be taken to carry the same most effectually into Execution.

A Letter from the President of Congress was read, dated the 25th inst., inclosing two Resolutions respecting the controul of Congress in cases of Appeal from the Admiralty, & making the like provision for all Officers who have been prisoners, is equeal to that given to the Supernumary Officers.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 27, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jac. Arndt, &
John Macky, Jas. Read, } Esq'rs.
Matt'w Smith,

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mess. Blair, McClenaghan & Matth'w Irwin, for the sum of Forty Thousand Pounds, for defraying the charges of the ship Gen'l Green, for which they are to account.

A Flag of Truce from the Island of St. Croix having arrived with Mr. Beverhout & his family, & he having applied to this Board for permission to land with his family & baggage:

Resolved, That the same be & is hereby accordingly granted.

It being represented to this Board that George Farrell, Patrick Goff & Will'm Alexander, late belonging to Colonel Prator's Reg't & now confined in Goal, are such dangerous and attrocious characters that Capt. Montgomery did not incline to take them on board the State Ship, agreeable to the Resolve of the eighteenth inst., & Capt. Harding, of the Confederacy Frigate, having expressed his desire to have them;

Ordered, That he have permission from this Board so to do.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Jos. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of Three Thousand Pounds to pay for 600 Cartouch boxes, & the like number of Bayonet Scabbards, for which he is to account.

Col. Walter Stewart having recommended John Fildon, Gentleman, to be an Ensign in the Second Pennsylvania Reg't.

Ordered, That he be appointed accordingly, & recommended to the Hon'ble Board of War for a Commission.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 28, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Ja's Read, &
Jac. Arndt, John Macky, } Esq'rs.
M. Smith,

Col. Chambers having recommended the following Gentlemen, Viz: Mich'l Hoffman, Geo. Stevenson, Ja's Campbell, & Isaac Paris, to be Ensigns in the first Reg't, commanded by him;

Ordered, That they be appointed, & to take rank in the above order, & that they be recommended to the Hon'ble board of War for Commissions.

A return of an Election of Justices having been made from Whitehall Township, in the County of Northampton, by which it appears that Peter Hohhler & George ———— were duly elected.

Ordered, That Peter Hohler, Esq'r, be commissioned for the said Township; on application,

Ordered, That the Sloop Dove, Capt. Benjamin Ward, late from Bermuda, be permitted to take on board for her Stores, four bbls. of Bread, four bbls. of Flour, four bbls. of Beef, four bbls. of Porter & six Kegs of Biscuit.

A Letter was this day received from His Excellency Gen'l Washington, representing in very cogent terms, the necessity of filling up the Continental Regiments, and also the defective state of the Clotheing department, and suggesting the procedure on the Resolve of the 23d of March last.

Ordered, That the same letter be farther considered in order to an answer.

A Letter from John Carson, dated Carlisle, May 24th, 1779, was read, informing that he had got a number of Rifles repaired for the use of the Rangers, & requesting an Order for 8000 Dollars.

Ordered, That the same be granted, & a Warrant issued accordingly to Col. Hart, to be forwarded to Mr. Carson by Col. Thomas Smith.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this board that divers persons of Suspicious Characters & to whom inimical practices are imputed, & also divers who are charged with forestalling & engrossing, have lately been restrained in their liberty & yet so remained. In Order, therefore, that an open & regular examination be had in the Premises, Justice be done the Public as well as individuals; & also that reasonable & proper satisfaction be given to a people

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long injured & insulted by the abettors of the Tyranny of Great Britain, who have in divers instances abused the generous mildness & lenity of Government, & the tenderness of the well affected: It is

Resolved, That the Magistrates of the City be requested & directed to Order the Sheriff or other proper Officer, to transmit to them without delay a list of all such persons as are under his care & charge, other than those committed in the ordinary course of Justice; And that two of the said Magistrates, at least, do proceed from day to day to make strict enquiry into the circumstances & accusations against all such persons, assigning a particular time for each, that all persons may have an opportunity to appear against them, & if there be reasonable grounds therefor, commit or otherwise hold them by ample security to appear at the next Court of quarter sessions, there to be dealt with and proceeded against in due form of Law. And this Board do most earnestly recommend to the faithful & good Subjects of this State to give all needful assistance & information with respect to the persons so charged, & to acquiesce in the decisions & determinations of the said Justices in the premises, as they tender the Honor & Safety of Government, would avoid giving the Common Enemies of our Liberty & Country grounds to rejoice & bring reproach on public authority.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 29, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
James Read, &

A Letter from Col. Proctor, May 27, 1779; from Maj. Gen'l Sullivan, May 26, 1779.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Smith, Esq'r, (of Bedford,) for the Sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, of which sum he is to deliver to Capt. Cluggage the sum of Six Thousand Dollars, to be applied to the raising his Company of Rangers; And he is to deliver to John Carson, at Carlisle, the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, to be applied in purchasing of Arms for the several Companies of Rangers.

A return of an Election of Officers in Capt. Rhoads' Company, in the first Battalion of the County of Bedford, was read, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were Chosen, Viz: James Hendricks, first Lieutenant; Jacob Walker, second Lieutenant; & John Bowman, Ensign.

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Ordered, That Commissions be accordingly issued.

On representation That Col. Proctor's Regiment was removed, with whom the Town Major drew enumerated Ar.

Ordered, That William Crispin, Commissary, do supply to Col. Nicola, Town Major, or his order, the enumerated Articles allowed by Gen'l Assembly.

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles do forward immediately to Col. John Piper, Lieu. of the county of Bedford, One Thousand Flints for the use of the Militia of the said County.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Col. John Piper, Lieu. of the County of Bedford, or the Sub-Lieutenant of the said County, be authorized to call out the Militia of the said County for their common defence, in case of actual invasion of the Country by the sudden incursion of the common enemy.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 31, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read, & Ja. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

On application of George Wells, commander of the Scho. Tyger, admitted here as a Flag of Truce from St. Croix, for the Stores of Provisions necessary on his Voyage to the said place;

Ordered, That he be permitted to take on board four bbls. of Flour & four bbls. of Bread for the use of the said Schooner, on her Voyage as aforesaid.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Maj. William Armstrong, Pay-master, for Three Thousand Pounds, for Paying the Men employed at Billingsport & Mud Island, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. John McCullogh for the Sum of Two Hundred & Twenty-four Pounds, Six Shilling & Three Pence, to Pay the Company of Artillery now doing duty at the Forts on the Delaware, at the requisition of the United States, for which he is to account.

Col. Rich'd Butler having recommended the following Gentlemen to the several Commissions hereafter mentioned in his Regiment, Viz: Abner Dunn, John Markland, Lieutenants; Lewellyn Davis & Rob. Tortner & Jas. Ennis, Ensigns;

Resolved, That they be appointed accordingly & recommended to the Board of War to be Commissioned in the Rank above specified.

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A Petition from George Holder was read, representing that he has been presented upon a supposition that he had joined the enemy, whereas he had only removed into Bucks County, & praying to be admitted to prove the fact alledged in his Petition, in order to obtain his pardon.

Resolved, That he be admitted to prove the Fact alledged, so to do, & this Afternoon at 5 O'Cl'k be appointed for that purpose.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Joseph Hart for the Sum of One Hundred & Eighty-seven Pounds, fifteen Shillings, in part of his Pay, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of His Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

The Petition of Ann Calvert, praying to be permitted to go into the city of New York being read;

Ordered, That a Pass be granted to her, on condition that she give security in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds that she will not return without the special permission of this Council.

The recommendation of Thomas Hale of a certain Abigail Ault, of Southwark, for a Pass to go into the city of New York, being read;

Ordered, That a pass be granted to her, on condition that she give security as aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, M. Smith, Ja's Read, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

The Petition of Mich'l Farner, Tobacconist, praying for a pass for himself, a Waggon and four Horses, to Boston;

Ordered, That His Petition be granted.

Capt. Newton Cannon, of the Scho. Two Sisters, lately arrived from the Bahama Islands, in the possession of the King of Great Britain, with a cargo of Fruit, Rum, &ca., &ca., having applied to this Board to be admitted to an entry, & dispose of His Cargo, alledged that the said Schooner & her Cargo are the property of one John Baldwin, a native of Maryland, & a person well affected to these States; and that he is removing his effects in order to settle in this Country, of which this Vessel & Cargo are part. That he,

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the said Captain, received orders to sail for Baltimore, There to deliver said Vessel & Cargo to Mess. Lua & Bowly, Merch'ts. That he accordingly came out with an intention to carry the said Vessel to Baltimore, but being met by several New York Privateers, from whom he had an account of the British Ships in Chesapeak Bay, he changed his course & put into this Port. That he sailed from Baltimore to Cape Francois last Winter, & was taken, on his voyage back from Cape Francois to Baltimore, & carried into Providence, & that every person on Board is also a prisoner; To the truth of all which he hath solemnly deposed.

And Whereas, Mich'l Duncan and George Lux, Esq'rs, persons well known & good credit, have in like manner deposed, That he, the said Newton Cannon, is known to them to be a person of good fame & character, & well attached to these States, the said Matt'w Duncan deposing that he knew the said Cannon to have been a Prisoner at New Providence, as he had set forth; That the said John Baldwin is a friend to America, & he believes intends to remove to the United States. And the said George Lux deposing that the said Newton Cannon did sail in the employ of Lux & Bowley, Merchants of Baltimore, & verily believes the account herein given of the said John Baldwin & the said Newton Cannon is just & true in all respects. All which being duly considered, & it appearing that the said Newton Cannon did, as a farther proof of the honesty of his intentions, deliver into this Board sundry Letters, wrote by the Captains of the New York Privateers. The Board also taking into consideration that the Hon'ble The Congress have, by their Resolve of the have encouraged the bringing in Vessels from the Enemy's Ports by the Mariners; and also by a Resolve of 27th March, 1776, encouraged the removal of Settlers, with their effects.

Resolved, That Capt. Newton Cannon be permitted to dispose of the said Cargo & Vessel, & in other respects dealt with in a friendly manner.

The case of George Holder being again considered, together with the examinations of Jacob Walton, Geo. Kensey, & Sam. Harold, On their Solemn affirmations, proving the said Holder to have been in Bucks County from 27th Sept. 1777, to July, 1778, whereby the Suspicion of his Joining the enemy is removed, & there having been a Session of Assembly since his attainder—

Resolved, That a free pardon be granted him immediately.

A Letter from Mr. Haller, inclosing sundry Papers respecting the Prisoners at Reading, & disturbances between them & the inhabitants of the town.

Ordered, That they be transmitted to the Board of War, & that the Board be requested to send the said Prisoners to some other place.

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It being represented that James Craven, Collector of Fines & Substitute Money, hath not accounted with the Sub-Lieutenant—

Ordered, That unless he settle the said Account within Ten days, & Pay the Balance, the Attorney General be directed to prosecute him. And that he return the overplus of Fines, &c., to those to whom it is due.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, June 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble, the Vice President.

Mr. Reed, Mr. Hart.
Mr. Mackey, &

Petition of John Tully and Samuel Craig, Convicts for Larceny last January, now in York Town Goal, was again read.

On Consideration of their long Imprisonment and Poverty, being Private Soldiers, the Council remit their Fees, vizt:

John Tully, for Stealing a Horse, Bridle, and Saddle, £146
Samuel Craig, for Stealing a Mare, &c., £95

Petition of Philip Nagel, Convict of Larceny last July, now in York Town Goal, was again read.

On Consideration of his long imprisonment and poverty, being a private soldier, Vizt: on three Indictments, £190 17 6—

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Petition of Boudes Burke and William Philips, Convict of Horse Stealing, &c., last April, now in York Town Goal, was read.

On Consideration of their poverty, being Soldiers,

Ordered, That their Fines be remitted, Vizt: Boudes Burke £500, and William Philips, on two Indictments, £298.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble, the Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Orndt, &
Mr. Reed, Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull for Two Thousand Dollars, in part of his pay for superintend-

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ing the Works at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which He is to account.

A petition from William Watkin, late Captain of one of the Gallies in the Service of this State, being read,

Ordered, That the Petitioner be Acquainted that the persons who are sweeping the River have obtained a Permission so to do, and are to account with the State for one-fourth of what they find, and that this Board cannot consent to persons taking the liberty desired without permission; and have directed the Gallies to stop all persons not having the like authority.

A return of the German Battalion, certified by the Board of War to have been raised and credited as a part of the Quota of this State, having been laid before the Board in order to their partaking of the benefit and advantage to which the other Troops of our Quota are entitled, Agreeable to Resolve of Assembly of Fifth of April last,

Resolved, That the said return be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Farmer, the Commissary of the State, in order that He may take a copy thereof, sending back the Original to this Board, and that He be directed to make a like proportionate provision for them, as He has done for Colonel Proctor's Regiment, under the same circumstances.

The Petition of Mrs. Margaret Chalmers being read and Considered, and it appearing that the Petitioner is a resident of Maryland,

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Authority of that State for the permission Requested.

The Memorial of Lieutenants Honeyman and Pugh, praying to be allowed the Enumerated Articles of Rum, Sugar, Tea, &c., agreeable to the Resolve of the General Assembly of the Fifth day of April last,

Ordered, That they be entitled to like Privileges as Officers serving in the Line.

The Council taking into their Consideration the Appointing a Register for the Court of Admiralty of this State, and Andrew Robeson, Esq'r, by his Letter of this Day, having expressed his desire of Continuing in the said Office; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Andrew Robeson, Esq'r, be appointed Register of the Court of Admiralty of the State of Pennsylvania, and that He be Commissioned Accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Orndt,	Colonel Smith.

A Return of an Election of Justices having been made from New London and Londonderry Townships, by which it appears that Alexander Johnston and David Mackey, Esq'rs, are returned,

Ordered, That Alexander Johnston, Esq'r, be Commissioned.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, for Ten Thousand Pounds, for Purchasing Rum, Sugar, Tea, &c., for the State Fleet, for which He is to Account.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Philadelphia County, praying to be Relieved from the Waggon duty Required by the late Order of Council, and representing the great defect of Horses and Necessity of their Families,

Ordered, That Colonel Hart and Colonel Smith be a Committee to Confer thereon with the Assistant Quarter Master General, On the Facts set forth in the Petition, and Represent to the Bearer of the said Petition that the like or greater demands are now made in other parts of the State, and that any partiality or local Easement may be productive of bad effects, and cannot be granted but in case of the most Absolute Necessity.

A Letter from George Sharp, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of Cumberland County, enclosing his Commission, and Requesting to Resign the same;

Ordered, That the President Acquaint Mr. Sharp That His resignation at this time will be Inconvenient, and that as there is no Member of this Board for Cumberland, He be Requested to Continue in the Office untill the Council Consider farther, and have An opportunity to enquire for a suitable Person to Succeed Him.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 5th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Colonel Smith.
Mr. Mackey,

A Letter from the Board of War, of the present date, Requesting an Order for Twenty Waggons to Transport Ammunition from Lebanon to the North River.

Ordered, That James Baily, Esq'r, Waggon-Master of the county of Lancaster, do immediately Furnish the Board of War, or their Order, with Twenty Waggons according to Law; and a warrant was Issued accordingly and sent to the Board of War.

A Letter from the Board of War, dated Fourth Instant, was read; And thereupon,

Ordered, That the Waggon-Master of the County of Lancaster do furnish the Board of War with Twenty Waggons to remove Stores from Lebanon to Lancaster in Order to Relieve the Militia from the Necessity of doing Guard duty at Lebanon; and a Warrant was accordingly issued.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Agnew, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to be paid by Mr. Agnew to John Carson, of Carlisle, and applied by Mr. Carson in purchasing Powder-Horns, Shott-Baggs, &c., to Equip the Company of Rangers now Raising for the defence of the Frontiers.

Divers Letters Relating to a Quantity of Flour in the Hands of Mr. Levi Hollingsworth of this city, were transmitted to this Board by the city Committee, and Read, by which it appears that Governor Morris, Esq'r, has directed the said Flour to be delivered to the Issuing Commissary.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan and Colonel Smith be a Committee to Confer with Gov'r Morris, Esq'r, and to Explain the aforesaid business as the same Appears to this Council.

A Letter from his Excellency P. Henry, Esq'r, Governor of the State of Virginia, Dated May 27th, 1779, and an enclosed Resolve of the House of Delegates of that State Respecting Commissioners to be appointed for fixing the Boundary line between Virginia and Pennsylvania, were read.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Colonel Smith,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Urie, (now first returned to the
Mr. Mackey, and	city.)

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer for the sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds, for the purchasing Rum, Sugar, Tea, &c., for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania Line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Read.
Mr. Urie,	

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President, or his Order, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars on Account of his Salary.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That George Calhoon be appointed first Lieutenant of Captain Thomas Campbell's Company of Rangers.

Ordered, That Josiah Glass be appointed second Lieutenant of Captain Irwin's Company of Rangers.

The Petition of Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Praying permission for the Return of his Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Duche, and her children, from New York to this City, was read; and

Referred for further Consideration.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.
Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Read.
Mr. Urie,	

Henry Hollingsworth attended the Council and requested the Papers put into the Hands of Council by the Committee, relating to the Flour in the Hands of Levi Hollingsworth, in order to lay the same before a Committee of Congress, and after some Conversation thereon, the same were delivered to him.

A Petition from Cornelius Sweers being read, requesting a Mitigation of his Sentence so far as Regards the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered, That the Prayer thereof cannot now be granted.

The Petition of Francis Hopkinson in favor of Mrs. Duche, praying leave to Return, alledging that from Illness she was Incapable of proceeding on her Voyage, was again read.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That as the Condition annexed to the permission of passing to New York was made in Consequence of Representations made from the Army, and deemed highly necessary for the Public safety, it cannot be dispensed with but in very extraordinary cases; that this Petition, therefore, do lay over, untill the facts set forth in the Letter of Mr. T. S. Duche be further enquired into.

A Letter from John Mitchel, Esquire, D. Q. M. General, dated June 8th, 1779, requesting a supply of Two hundred four-Horse Waggons to convey Provisions to the Continental Army, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a conference be had with the Delegates of this State in Congress, on the difficulties attending the said demand.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,
Colonel Smith,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Urie.

A Conference having been had with the Delegates in Congress of this State Respecting the demand for Waggon service, agreeable to the Order of yesterday, Colonel Coxe and Colonel Petit, Assistant Quarter Masters General, attended in Council, and laid before the Council the great and absolute necessity of an immediate Assistance from this State of Waggons, to convey Provisions to the Continental Army, and the great difficulties and hardships under which this State Labours with respect to the great demand of Waggons which have been made upon it by the Quarter Master Department, having been represented to the Assistant Quarter Masters.

Lieutenant Carson, of the State Ship General Green, attended the Council and informed of his arrival in this Port, with a prize—Brigantine Privatier, called the Impertinant, Mounting Ten four-Pounders, Carrying fifty-three Men, late commanded by Captain Gotschue, taken by the said General Greene, on Monday last, near the Capes of Delaware.

A Letter from Captain Montgomery, dated at
informing that He is in want of a Mizzen Mast for the General Green, that now in her being deficient.

Mr. Matthew Irwin, one of the Agents, being present, informs that He had Received the Dimensions, and was preparing to furnish her accordingly.

Captain Gotschue being brought before the Council and Examined,

Ordered, That the substance of the Intelligence given by Captain Gotschue be transmitted to the Board of War.

A Return of Justices Elect, chosen for the district of Manahan and Warrington Township, in the County of York, being read, it appears that William Mitchel and John Nesbit were Elected; and

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Mitchel be appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of York.

A Return of Justices Elect, chosen for the Township of Colerain, in the county of Bedford, being read, it appears that Abraham Milley and John Cisney were Elected; and

On consideration,

Ordered, That Abraham Milley be appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford.

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An application from Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for six thousand Dollars, for purchasing of Bayonets, Belts, &c., was read; and thereupon

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his Order, for the sum of six thousand Dollars, to be applied in Purchasing Bayonets, Belts and other accoutrements, and to be charged to account of said Stiles.

Ordered, That the Papers relating to the Prize Brigantine Impertinant be put into the Hands of the State Attorney, and that He be directed to Obtain, as soon as possible, a Condemnation of the said Brigantine by the Court of Admiralty.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Mr. Urie, also,
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Read.
Colonel Smith, and

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Ebenezer Cowel, or his Order, for the sum of two hundred pounds, the same to be charged to his account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Matthew Smith, Esquire, or his order, the sum of two hundred and thirty-four pounds, eight shillings and sixpence; ballance due to him for his Attendance in Council to the twelfth Instant, including his Expences to York Town, Viz't:

His attendance in Council from May 28th, 1778, to July 2nd, 35 days, at 35sh. - - - - -	£61	5	0
Expenses on a Journey to York Town on Public business, - - - - - - - - -	4	18	6
From August 7th to Sept'r 11th, 36 days, 35sh.,	63	0	0
From Nov'r 4th to February 2nd, 1779, 90 days, 45sh.,	202	10	0
From March 5th to April 2nd, 29 days, 45s. - -	65	5	0
Mileage, 3 times, on 101 Miles, at 10, - - -	25	5	0
From May 14th to June 12th, 29 days, at 60s., -	87	0	0
Mileage on 101 Miles, 2s. 6, - - - - -	25	5	0
	534	8	6
Order on the Treasurer, - - - - -	300	0	0
Ballance due, - - - - -	£234	8	6

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Petition of Thomas Hanson, a Prisoner in the Goal of the county of Berkes, convicted of Horse Stealing, and corporally punished for the same, praying that his Fine may be remitted, was read, together with a certificate respecting the same, signed by three of the Justices of the Peace for the said county of Berkes; And

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Fine due to the State from Thomas Hanson, now confined in the Goal of the county of Berkes, be remitted, and that he be pardoned, and that a Pardon Issue accordingly.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Thomas Nevil, or his order, for the sum of Eighty pounds, the same to be charged to account of the said Nevil.

On Petition,

Ordered, That a Pass be granted to Catherine Tolly to go into New York not to return into this State again. She giving security in the sum of Five hundred pounds to comply with this Order.

Petition of the Rev'd Mr. W. Rogers, Chaplain of Pennsylvania Brigade, praying to be allowed to draw in this city One-half his rations of Enumerated articles given by the General Assembly, was read; and

On consideration,

Resolved, That the same cannot be admitted, consistent with the necessary precaution to prevent Impositions of the like kind.

Petition of Catherine Boyd, praying a Pass to go to New York, was read, and rejected.

Petition of William Watkins, praying permission to sweep the Delaware, was Read, and Referred for further enquiry to Mr. Henry and Colonel Knox, who are Requested to enquire whether the granting of the same will interfere with a former grant to other Persons so as to prejudice the State.

The Petition of William Kinnard, setting forth that His pay, due for services of the State, was detained from him, and praying Relief, was Read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be Referred to Mr. Bradford, Pay Master of the Fleet, who is to Report thereon.

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SAME DAY—AFTERNOON.

PRESENT:

As in the forenoon, except Mr. President.

Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Huntingdon and Mr. Burke, A Committee of Congress, attended, and a full Conference on the difficulties in procuring Waggons to answer the present demands.

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Ordered, That Warrants be issued to the Waggon Masters of the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster and Berks, for calling out 200 Waggons, vizt.: from Philadelphia County 20; from Bucks County 20; from Chester county 40; from Lancaster County 60, and from Berks County 60.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie,
Mr. Read, and

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Armstrong, Paymaster, for the Sum of Five Thousand pounds, to pay the Workmen employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which He is to account.

The Agents for Forfeited Estates, having represented to this Board that by the detaining and Concealing the Title Deeds, they are put to great difficulties to discover the Estates of the several delinquents, and to ascertain their Boundaries.

Ordered, That the same be represented to the Hon'ble, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and that it be Recommended to them in making allowances to the Wives and Families of such delinquents, to require that all Deeds, surveys, and other vouchers of Title in their possession, be produced, and in case of wilfull refusal or neglecte so to do; such Allowance to be stayed, lessened, or otherwise regulated, as the Laws will admit.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of his Excellency, Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of Five hundred pounds in part of his salary, for which He is to Account.

Application having been made by Capt'n Rice, of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, for the State bounty to sundry Recruits, enlisted by directions from Colonel Proctor, and also some received from Colonel Nichola.

Ordered, That Captain Rice be informed that the state of the Treasury not admitting at present of Expenditures of this kind, and Recruiting Instructions having been Uniformly delayed on this account; the Board cannot countenance the Measure by paying Recruiting Money when they have not given Recruiting Instructions. That Colonel Nichola do lay his Orders from the Board of War for Recruiting before this Board, and also the attestations and certificates of Muster, that this Board may do what may be farther necessary therein.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

An application was made to Council for the discharge of John Johnson, belonging to the Handcock Galley, Captain Garland, and offering to enter Another Man in his place; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the application be Referred to the Captains of the Gallies, to do therein as they shall judge right.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Urie,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. James Reed.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the Agents for Forfeited Estates in the City of Philadelphia, and inform that the Council observe there is no Return made of a Seizure of the Estate of Reynold Keene, which is undoubtedly liable to be seized according to Law.

Resolved, That Mr. Thos. Bradford be desired to superintend the Marine Prisoners of War sent into this Port by the State Ship, or other Vessels belonging to, or fitted out of this State; and that in exchanging them, a due regard be paid to such Officers and Sailors as belong to this State, so that in future they may have the like Advantages on Exchange as these of sundry other States in the Union who have paid a special Attention in their Exchanges to their own subjects. And this Board will Recommend Mr. Bradford to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, for a suitable Compensation for his trouble in the performance of this service.

The following Petitions for permission to go into New York were read, Viz.:

Petition of Prudence Moore, of Delaware State, Read and Referred to the authority of the said State.

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Petition of Mary Gosnold, Praying permission for Herself and her Grandson, Archibald Hilshelwood, to go from thence to Halifax, not to return again during the present troubles.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mary Gasnold and her Grandson, Archib'd Hilshelwood, to go to New York, not to return again, she giving security in the sum of one thousand pounds for Her Compliance with this Order.

In Council.

Thursday, June 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. James Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Petition from Thomas Heslip was again Read, setting forth that at a time of great distress in the Army for want of Provisions, in January, 1778, He by the direction of the Supreme Executive Council, founded upon the special and urgent request of Congress, made Purchases of Flour, being encouraged so to do by the assurance of Council "that He should receive ample Satisfaction;" That in the settlements of his accounts the Continental Auditors have allowed only Two hundred and eighty-Five Dollars, which will not pay the Expenses; that He has been Actually out of Pockett, and that unless He has some farther Compensation, He will be a Loser by the Service; In Proof whereof, He also laid before the Board Sundry Papers, and Referred to Doctor Gardner, Member of Assembly, who vouches for the truth of the facts set forth in the Petition; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition, with the Papers, be Recommended to the Hon'ble Board of Treasury of Congress, with the Request of this Board that they wou'd please to take the same into their consideration, and if consistent with their Judgment, give the Petitioner suitable Relief.

The Petition of Ebenezer Cowell, setting forth that He hath Resumed the Business of a Gun-smith, and praying to be permitted to take charge of and to repair all such of the State Arms as may require repairing, was read.

Ordered, That Captain Stiles do get all the State Arms repaired with all convenient Expedition, and that He pay a due regard to Mr. Cowell's request in the said Petition set forth, as far as repairs are necessary.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Tyler and Joseph Forster, or their order, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-seven pounds, six shillings, and three pence, for repairing of Arms, (£167 6 3.)

A Letter from Colonel Brodhead, dated June 5th, 1779, at Pittsburg, enclosing several Letters, Indian Speeches, &c.;

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Board of War—so far the same is of a Public Nature.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 19th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Mackey, and

No Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 21st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Mr. James Reed, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

A Letter from the Honourable the President of Congress, inclosing two Resolutions of that body, for the encouragement of the Waggon service, was read and considered; whereupon, it is Resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, The Quarter Masters of the Federal Army have Represented to this Board that the Transportation of Provisions for the supply of the Army under the command of His Excellency,

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General Washington, and of stores to that under Major General Sullivan, has made it Indispensibly necessary to call upon this State for aid and Assistance; Whereupon, Warrants have Accordingly Issued for calling forth a Number of Waggons, pursuant to the Laws of this State. But this Board, duly sensible of the Burthen and difficulties of the said Service, made a Representation thereof to the Hon'ble the Continental Congress, who have been pleased thereupon to pass the following Resolutions, to Wit:

IN CONGRESS, June 14th, 1779.

"*Resolved*, That the Quarter Master General be impowered to allow and pay for a Waggon, Driver and Four Horses, Thirteen Dollars and one-third of a Dollar, one ration, and Forage ℔ day; shoeing the Horses, if done at the expense of the United States, to be deducted from the Wages."

"*Resolved*, That it be Recommended to these States to exempt all drivers of Waggons employed in the service of the United States from Militia duties, and from all Fines on that account, while they are engaged in the service, and that such service shall be considered & allowed as their Tour of duty in the Militia for such time as they are engaged.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary."

Whereupon, it is

Resolved, That the same be Published and forwarded to the respective Waggon Masters, to be by them Communicated to their several districts, as an Encouragement to the good people of the State to Exert themselves in the common cause & forward this Necessary service.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, for the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to purchase Rum, Tea, Sugar, &c., for the Workmen employed at Billingsport, Mud Island, &c., and the Officers and Men of the Gallies, for which he is to account.

The Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia having Represented to this Board that the time of service of the companies of Artillery, now in Garrison at Mud Island and Billingsport, will expire on Thursday next,

Ordered, That He be directed to forward the necessary relief as soon as possible, and that the President be desired to thank the Officers and Privates who are to be relieved, for their attention and service on this occasion.

A Petition from Reynold Keen was read, suggesting that He apprehends that his Estate was discharged by the act of Assembly passed the Twenty-sixth of November, 1778, and praying relief

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from the proceedings of the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates; which being considered,

Resolved, That this Board cannot give the relief requested, the said Act of Assembly, by a special Proviso, having a Regard to his person only.

A Letter from Messrs. David Jameson and Jacob Eichelberger, of York Town, inclosing sundry Affidavits of Mal-practice and Peculation by John McCallister, Issuing Commissary at that place, were read and considered. Whereupon, pursuant to the Resolution of Congress of the Ninth day of February, 1778, this Board doth suspend the said McCallister from Pay and employment untill order shall be taken therein by Congress or his immediate superior officer. And that the Deputy of the Issuing Commissary be informed thereof, that if any such Office is necessary at said Post, He may make an appointment accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 22nd, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Urie.

A Proclamation of divers Persons to surrender themselves on or before the Fifth day of August next, to abide their Tryal for High Treason, was this day issued.

Pennsylvania, ss:

"A PROCLAMATION.

By his Excellency, JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President: and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, the following named Persons, late and heretofore Inhabitants of this State, that is to say, John Bartlett, late Clerk in the late Custom House of Philadelphia, and George Knapper, Baker, both now or late of the city of Philadelphia, and Joseph Greswold, Distiller, John Clark, late sheriff's Clerk, John Mackinet, Merchant, John Kearsley, Gentleman, son of Doctor John Kearsley, deceased, John Adams, Silk Weaver, and Thomas Mackiness, Trader, all now or late of the Northern Liberties Township; And

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Peter Arthur, House Carpenter; George Ensor, Cooper; Dennis Crockson, Lumber Merchant; John Patterson, Joiner; and William Rhodden, Mariner; all now or late of the Borough of Southwark; And Jacob Falkinstine, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Passyunk; Nathan Roberts, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Bristol; Daniel Jones, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Mooreland; John Robeson, Cordwainer, and Isaac Taylor, Yeoman; both now or late of the Township of Whitpaine; Thomas Gordon, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Oxford; Holton Jones, Hatter; now or late of the Township of Germantown; and Daniel Williams, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Horsham; all now or late of the county of Philadelphia; And Robert Land; late Justice of the Peace; John Land and Hugh Jones, Yeomen; all now or late of the Settlement of Cushichton; Isaac Walker, Yeoman; now or late of the Settlement of Lachawack; Low Flemmin, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Mount Bethel; Henry Steninger and George Philip Wertman, Yeomen; both now or late of the Township of Lynn; all now or late of the County of Northampton; have severally adhered to and knowingly and willingly aided and assisted the Enemies of this State, and of the United States of America, by having Joined their Armies within this State.

And Whereas, The following named Persons, late and heretofore Inhabitants of this State, that is to say: Charles Eddy, Ironmonger, and Thomas York, Sail Maker; both now or late of the city of Philadelphia, have severally adhered to and knowingly and willingly Aided and assisted the Enemies of this State, and of the United States of America, by having Joined their Armies at New York, in the State of New York; We the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by Virtue of certain powers and authorities to us given by an act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Persons if they Render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the Lawfull debts and claims thereupon," Do hereby strictly charge and require the said John Bartlett, George Knapper, Joseph Greswold, John Clark, John Mackinett, John Kearsley, John Adams, Thomas Mackiness, Peter Arthur, George Ensor, Dennis Crockson, John Patterson, William Rhadden, Jacob Falkinstine, Nathan Roberts, Daniel Jones, John Robeson, Isaac Taylor, Thomas Gordon, Holton Jones, Daniel Williams, Robert Land, John Land, Hugh Jones, Isaac Walker, Low Flemmin, Henry Stenninger, George Philip Wertman, Charles Eddy and Thomas York, not Rendering himself as aforesaid, and Abiding the Tryal aforesaid, shall from and after the said Fifth day of August next, stand and be attainted of High Treason, to all intents and purposes, and shall suffer such Pains and Penalties, and undergo all such Forfeitures as Persons attainted of High Treason ought to do, and

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all the faithfull subjects of this State are to take Notice of this Proclamation and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given by order of the Council, under the Hand of His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Attest—TY. MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

Inrolled in the Rolls of office for the State of Pennsylvania in Commission Book No. 1, Page 74. Witness my Hand and seal of Office, the 20th Decemb'r, Anno Domini 1785.

MATTHEW IRWIN, M. R.

The Papers belonging to the Sloop called the Ready Money, commanded by Thomas Cobb, were laid before the Council, by which it appears that the said Sloop, now lying near Billingsport, is a Flag of Truce, bound from the Island of Bermuda to Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, having on board the following six Prisoners, Viz't: Edward Boreman, Henry Hawkins, George Eldrige, John Fink, William Swanson, Samuel Morris, and also Mr. George Haynes and his Family, He having obtained leave to make the voyage for the Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That it be Recommended to Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, to Receive from the Flagg of Truce sloop, Ready Money, Commanded by Thomas Cobb, the Six American Prisoners brought by Him from the Island of Bermuda, and give A Receipt for the same; and that the said Sloop be directed to proceed on her Voyage without loss of time.

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June 22nd, 1779.

The Petition of John McKay, setting forth That He is a Liver in Sainta Croix, and was Cast away and taken Prisoner at Egg Harbor, being on a Voyage from Tortola to New York, and praying a pass to go to New York, &c., was Read; Thereupon,

Ordered, That John McKay do apply to Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, who is directed to permit him to proceed to New York, and procure from thence in Return, any Inhabitant of this State, now a Prisoner there.

The Petition of Godfrey Beyers, praying to be permitted to Return to Halifax to his Parents, and to be Furnished with a pass to New York, was read, and

Ordered, That Godfrey Beyers be permitted to Return to New York in his Way to Halifax, He giving Security in the Sum of

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Five hundred pounds not to Return again without Express permission so to do.

A Deposition from Reading, Respecting William Moore Smith's Conversation with a Prisoner at that Town, and an Intercepted Letter from James Dunlap, the said Prisoner, to the said Moore, were Read and Referred for further Consideration.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, for the Sum of Six hundred pounds for Repairing the State Arms, for which He is to Account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Letter from Mr. Holker, the Consul of France, Claiming Exemption from Militia Fines, in behalf of Nesmoz and Vaillant, as French Merchants, was Read and Referred for further Consideration till this afternoon.

Adjourned 'till Five o'clock, afternoon.

At the adjourned Meeting.

A Letter from John Haynes, a Passenger on Board the Flagg of Truce, Ready Money, late from Bermuda, Representing that His Low State of Health had Induced him to make a Voyage to the Continent, and Requesting permission, with Family and Effects, to Land and Reside some time in this State. And it appearing that He had given a passage to Six American Prisoners from that Island.

Ordered, That Mr. George Haynes be permitted to Land, and come up to Philadelphia with his Family and Effects, from on Board the Flagg of Truce, Ready Money, Captain Cobb.

June 23d.

A draft of a Letter in answer to the Application of Mr. Holker, Consul of France, was Read, Approved and Signed.

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An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel William Clarke, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Cumberland, or his Order, the Sum of Five thousand pounds, to be charged to account of said Clarke.

In Council.

June 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Urie.

A Resolution of Congress of the 22nd Instant, respecting John McCallister, A Deputy Commissary of Issues, was Read, expressing the Approbation of Congress of the conduct of Congress in Removing him from His Office, &c.

Colonel Daniel Brodhead, having Recommended the following Gentlemen, Vizt.: John Ward, John Guthrie, James Morrison, Thomas Wiat, William Cooper and Joshua Davidson, to be Ensigns in the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by him,

Ordered, That they be Commanded Accordingly, and take rank in the above Order, and that they be Recommended to the Hon'ble Board of War for Commissions.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 25th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Urie.

The Petition of John Hayes on behalf of the Flagg of Truce Privateir called the Ready Money, commanded by Captain Thomas Cobb, late from Bermudas, with Prisoners on Board, setting forth that the said Prisoners have nearly Exhausted his stores of Provision, and praying that the said Captain Cobb may be permitted to take on Board the following Articles, to Wit: Four Barrels of Bread, one Barrel of Flour, one Box of Candles, three Gallons of Rum, and one Dozen of Fowls, was read:

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Ordered, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted, on condition that the said Captain Cobb do not come up to the city, but that he procure some person here to send him the said stores.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Board of War requesting, in the name of the Board, that the Key of the Magazine may be put into the hands of their Order, they being about to Remove a Quantity of ammunition from Lebanon to Lancaster; thereupon

Ordered, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be directed to deliver to the Order of the Board of War the Key of the Magazine at Lancaster.

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the 14th instant, enclosing Return of the Pennsylvania Troops in the Continental service.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 26th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esquire, dated the 24th Instant, enclosing a Resolve of Congress of the 22nd, Recommending that Measures be taken to prevent the Enemy from plundering.

On Recommendation of Capt'n Cluggage,

Ordered, That Moses Donley be appointed second Lieutenant of Captain Cluggage's Company of Rangers.

A Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. Holker, dated the 25th June Instant, enclosing copy of a Memorial to him from Messrs. Nemos and Vallian, stiling themselves French Negotiators, at Philadelphia.

Petition of Abraham Chapman, a Languishing Prisoner in the Goal of the county of Chester, Convicted of Stealing a Horse, praying that his fine may be Remitted, was read; & Referred for further consideration.

The Hon'ble Major General Armstrong applied to the Council on behalf of Lucy Thompson, whose deceased Husband was an Officer in Continental service, and requested for her a pass into New York; She intending to go to Ireland, her Native Country.

Ordered, That a Recommendation to the Officer commanding next the lines of the Enemy be granted to Lucy Thompson, to per-

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mit her to pass into New York, she giving Bail in the sum of Five Hundred pounds not to Return into this State without special Permission so to do from this Council.

Ordered, That Edward Sew, Rickloff Albertson, John Huddle, Joseph Best, James Craft and John Knoxe, be directed to make Return to the Council, on or before Wednesday next, of the articles which they have obtained by sweeping the River, agreeably to the Order of Council of the 11th of May last.

Petition of Nathaniel Sackett was read; Referred 'til Monday.

On application,

Ordered, That Mr. William Watkins be permitted to sweep the Delaware in search of Cannon, Anchors, and other things, he restoring to the State one-fourth part of all which he shall obtain, and giving to this Council a preference thereof in the purchase of such Articles as shall be wanted for the use of the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 28th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Petition from Joseph Musgenung, convicted at the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Northampton, of Feloniously Stealing a Fox Trap, praying a remission of the sentence of the said court; and the Justices before whom He was Tried having recommended a remission of His Corporal Punishment,

Ordered, That the Corporal Punishment Ordered by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Northampton to be inflicted on Jacob Musgenung, be remitted.

The Petition of Nathaniel Sackett having been again read, and the President having informed the Board that the Representations made therein of the application to Him by the said Sackett, was not in all respects truly stated, upon Consideration of the said Petition,

Resolved, That the Petitioner be referred to the Laws of the State for redress of any Injuries he may or shall have sustained in his property or Person, they being fully sufficient, in the opinion of this Board, for that purpose.

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The Petition of Timothy Hooker, Convicted of Stealing £33, in the county of Northampton, was read and rejected.

In Council.

Tuesday, June 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Urie, and
Mr. Mackey, and	Mr. Thompson, (now first returned)

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in Favour of Joseph Huddle, or his order, the sum of Forty-six pounds, six shillings, and ten pence, for a Wharfage of the Ship Montgomery, and Storage.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Huddell, or his Order, for the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds, five shillings, and seven pence, ballance due to Him for the Materials procured by Him for the Fire-rafts Ordered by Congress, and charge the same to Congress.

The Sloop Industry, commanded by Captain James Harvey, belonging to the Island of Bermuda, and last from Egg Harbour, having come up to this city without Special Licence so to do, and contrary to the adopted Order of this Council,

Ordered, The said Sloop do immediately fall down below the Shivaux defrize, and proceed on her voyage without loss of time.

Resolved, That the permission to William Watkins, granted on Saturday last, to sweep the River, be limitted to the Lower chivaux-defrize and the upper end of Mud Island, and that he do not presume to sweep or sound the River between the said Points. That no persons that have been in the service of the Enemy be employed in this business.

The two following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz: In favour of John Woods, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, three shillings, and four pence, for Materials furnished to the Armed Boats and Gallies belonging to the State. And in favour of Margaret Corbin, for Thirty Dollars, to relieve her present necessities, she having been wounded and utterly disabled by three Grape shott, while she filled with distinguished Bravery the post of her Husband, who was Killed by her side, serving a piece of Artillery at Fort Washington.

Ordered, That the case of Margaret Corbin, who was wounded and utterly disabled at Fort Washington, while she heroically filled

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the post of her husband, who was killed by her side serving a piece of Artillery, be recommended to a further consideration of the Board of War, This Council being of opinion, that notwithstanding the rations which have been allowed her, she is not Provided for as her helpless situation really requires.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of James Longhead, Paymaster of Philadelphia Militia, or his order, for the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, the same to be charged to His account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Colonel Hart, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Urie.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of the Hon'ble Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, or his order, for the sum of five hundred pounds, to be Charged to Him as part of his Salary.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 1st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Urie.

A Letter from the President of Congress was read, inclosing a representation of Mons'r Holker, Consul of France, signed Gerard, and addressed to Congress, Complaining that one Francis Fluery, a subject of France, had been pressed on board the State Ship— that he had escaped, and now redress and a share of the Prizes sent in.

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Agents of the ship, and they be directed to report to the Board whether the Person applying did belong to the ship, or such other facts relating to the case as may have come to their knowledge, in order to give Mr. Holker

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a proper answer, and the party suitable redress, if his case is as represented.

Also, a resolution of Congress, inclosed in the said Letter, recommending the Compleating the Battalions in the Continental Service, and accompanied with an extract of a Letter from General Washington, dated the Eleventh of June, representing his situation and that of the Enemy on the North River; both which were read and referred for further consideration and order.

A Certificate, signed by Samuel Bard, Doctor of Physick, setting forth the case of Mrs. Duche, and her Inability to proceed on her Voyage, through Indisposition of Body; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Mrs. Duche have leave to return to this State with her Family, any former resolution of this Board notwithstanding; and that the Secretary deliver up the bond heretofore given in this case.

A letter from Major General St. Clair, dated June 23d, 1779, among other things recommending to the Council to appoint Peter Cuningham to be ensign in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Craig. James Gilchrist, Esquire, to be Ensign in the Fifth Regiment; and, thereupon,

Ordered, That Peter Cuningham be appointed Ensign in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Craig, and that James Gilchrist be appointed as Ensign in the fifth Regiment on the line of this State.

The Petition of Elizabeth Young, setting forth her desire to go into the City of New York, and praying a pass for that, was read.

Ordered, That a recommendation to the officer commanding next to the lines of the Enemy be granted to the said Elizabeth Young to permit her to pass into New York, she giving security in the sum of £500 not to return again into this State without special permission from this Council so to do.

On application of Mrs. Rachel Stubert for a pass for herself and her two daughters, Jacobina and Elizabeth Stubert, to go into the City of New York, intending to go from thence to Germany, there to reside,

Ordered, A recommendation to the officer commanding next the Enemy's lines be granted to the said Rachel, Jacobina and Elizabeth, to permit them to pass into New York, they giving security in the sum of five hundred pounds not to return again into this State without special permission from this Council so to do.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Read, and
Mr. McKay, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Thompson,

David Ogden, a Person of suspicious character, having been brought before the Board, he confessed that he had Joined the British Army at New York, was afterwards made prisoner by the American Army, bound over by Recognizance to attend the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and that he has Travelled here without any pass, to bring and carry Letters to Gentlemen now here; whereupon,

Ordered, That the President Issue his Warrant to commit the said Ogden to Goal untill the Governor of New Jersey be informed thereof, or he be delivered in due course of Law.

An application from Lewis Nichola, Town Mayor, respecting the reward for apprehending deserters;

Ordered, That the same be considered to-morrow,

Messrs. McClenachan and Irwin having reported on the case of Francis Fluery, a Frenchman, said to been forcibly carried on Board the ship General Green,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to Mr. Holker, Consul of France, and that the President do assure Him of the dispositions of the Board to give full redress upon such occasions; and that application to Congress in the first instance, will occasion unnecessary delay and trouble, and such a Letter was wrote accordingly.

A Letter from Colonel Butler, of the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, inclosing a return of His Regiment, was read.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 3rd, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That David Ogden, committed yesterday to the State prison, be sent forward to Mr. Bradford with the first Prisoners, as

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far as the State of New Jersey, and there delivered to the civil officers of that State, to be detained 'till Governor Livingston shall give orders respecting him, and the President be desired to write to Governor Livingston thereupon; And Mr. Jewell is hereby directed to govern himself accordingly.

A Petition from Captain John McPherson, praying to be accommodated with two twelve Pounders, represented to be the property of this State, laying on Willing and Morris's Wharf, and offering to pay for them immediately, or return them by the first of September, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry be desired to have the said guns valued, receive the money therefor, and deliver the same to Captain John McPherson, or his order.

A Petition from Joseph Harvey, of Bermudas, representing that he had sailed from that Port from Philadelphia with salt, had been taken by a British Cruizer, retaken, and the vessel sold, which he had purchased with the expectation of returning to Bermudas with corn, but being disappointed therein, prays to be permitted to sell the said vessel and become an Inhabitant of these States, and it is accordingly granted him.

Ordered, That John Morris, Esquire, recorder of deeds, send to this Board this afternoon at five o'clock, the Book of Records containing the Charters of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, for the inspection of the Council.

The three following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Claypole, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, vizt:

One for the sum of ninety-nine pounds nine shillings and eight pence, the amount of the bill of costs in the case of John Roberts.

One other for the sum of seventy-nine pounds three shillings and eleven pence, the amount of his Bill of Costs in the case of Abraham Carlisle.

And one other for the sum of one hundred and nine pounds three shillings and six-pence, the amount of his bill of Costs in the case of George Hardy.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Longhead, or his order, for the sum of three thousand pounds, for paying the Companies of Artillery, late in service at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

The Memorial from Lewis Nichola, Esquire, Town Major, being again read and considered,

Resolved, That the present situation of the Treasury does not admit of any draughts but for the special use of the State, and that upon the apprehension of any desertion from the Pennsylvania line, the same being signified to this board in the Terms prescribed by the Act of Assembly, orders will be granted upon the Treasury for the State reward.

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A Letter from the Consul of France was read, expressing his satisfaction with the measures taken respecting Francis Fluery, and acknowledging the attention of Council to all his representations.

In Council.

Monday, July the 5th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Urie,
Mr. Mackey, and
Mr. Thompson.

Captain John McPherson having applied to the Board for an eighteen Pounder, which belonged to Mr. Joseph Leonard, of Shrewsbury, and which had been offered to this Board for thirteen hundred pounds, but the price deemed too high; and the said Captain McPherson having signified his willingness to give the said price,

Resolved, That he be permitted to purchase the same from Mr. Searle, the Agent of the said Mr. Leonard; and this Board release their right thereto, upon condition the said Captain McPherson pay Mr. George Henry the expences of bringing the said gun from Bordentown to this place, and that he give the refusal of her to this Board at the said price, if he should have occasion to sell her hereafter; also,

Resolved, That he have one of the Twelve Pounders granted by resolve last Saturday, on the terms therein expressed.

In Council.

Tuesday, July the 6th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Urie,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Manuel Eyre, for the sum of sixty-six pounds six shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for boards, &c.

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In Council.

Wednesday, July 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, Pay Master, for the sum of five thousand pounds, for paying the workmen employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Pinkerton, for the sum of Fifty Pounds, the amount of his account for making two settees for the Court room, by order of Robert Allison.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Urie.

The memorial of Colonel John Cox, setting forth that there is due to him from the State the sum of £5367 17 2, and praying the same may be discharged, &c., was read, and the accounts on which the said Memorial is founded, were also receiv'd; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Cox, or his order, for the sum of Five thousand pounds, the same to be charged to account of the said Cox; and the accounts were returned to Colonel Cox, to be by him laid before the Committee of General Assembly.

An order, signed by Hon'ble George Bryan, Vice President, was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, or his order, the sum of Five hundred pounds, and the same to be charged to account of his Excellency's Salary.

WHEREAS, it is represented to the Council that application has been made to the board of War by the Garrison now at Billingsport, for necessary ordnance Stores; and that Board appear, by their answer to the said application, to suppose that those Stores ought to be supplied by this.

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The case being considered,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that as the Garrison of Billingsport are placed there at the request of Congress, and to preserve the communication of the Delaware, and that Post itself is the property of the United, the Supplies may be justly deemed Continental, and shou'd the State in the first Instance furnish them, it wou'd be a proper charge to the United States; That this Board not having any of the Stores required, they must be purchased at an Enormous price: therefore the Board of War be requested to supply the same, or give the necessary direction therefor.

Whereas, it is represented to this Board that divers Irregularities and abuses have lately happened in the Public Markets, highly discouraging and Injurious to the good people of the Country, and tending to prevent the usual and necessary supplies for the use of the city:

And Whereas, It also appears that notwithstanding the Clerke of the Markett, divers Constables, and many well disposed private Citizens, have attempted to prevent the abuses above-mentioned, yet the same were continued on the last Market day, from which there is great reason to believe that many disaffected and Ill designing persons are endeavouring to distress the City, and thereby excite tumult and Insurrections; Therefore

Resolved, That the Justices, High Sheriff and Constables be directed to attend at the Markett, for the Preservation of the Publick Peace, and the protection of such persons as shall Expose commodities, and that they be directed to arrest and commit to Goal all persons, without favour or affection, who shall be found disturbing the peace and good order of the Markett, in order that they may be dealt with according to Law, and that it be also recommended to the well disposed and Faithful Citizens, not only to discountenance such practices, but to give all aid and assistance to the officers of Justice in the discharge of their duty on this occasion, it being the determined resolution of this Board fully and effectually to protect and support the Inhabitants of the Country in their intercourse with the City, and that this resolve be immediately Published in hand bills, and that the Sheriff cause it to be proclaimed through the city on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Depositions relating to John McCallister, a Deputy Commissary of Issues, at York Town, be put into the Hands of the Attorney General, in order that Prosecution be commenced against the said John McCallister, at the Expense of the United States, agreeable to the resolve of Congress of the twenty-second day of June last; And that the Attorney General be directed to keep an account of the expenses of the Prosecution, so as that the same may be charged to the United States.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Urie.

A representation having been made by Captain James Murray that he and several of his officers continued in service two months and seventeen days beyond the limited time of six months for which they were enlisted, and praying to be allowed pay therefor. And also that Five of the men deserted after enlistment, and received the bounty of Four hundred Dollars, which he has not been hitherto allowed.

Council taking the said points into consideration,

Resolved, That the limited time of Enlistment Comprehends both officers and soldiers, and that it has been the practice to Enlist from a given day to another given day without reference to each individual enlistment, and that therefore, the allowances therefor not being demandable from the United States, this Board cannot pay the same out of the Treasury of the State, and thereby subject it to the loss.

On the second point,

Resolved, That upon Captain Murray's transmitting to this Board the attestations of the said recruits, certificates of the payment of the bounty, and making Affidavit of the desertion, and that he has used due diligence to retake them, this Board will recommend him to Congress that the allowance therefore be made him. It appearing to this Board to be reasonable and to have been allowed to officers in like cases upon producing the proofs above required.

A representation having been made by the Justices of Northumberland County, that the Prothonotary thereof, David Harris, Esquire, is a Non-resident, and his deputy, deceased, by which means the duties of the said office are neglected to the prejudice of the Publick: and Sundry Letters from the said David Harris thereupon having been read, in the last of which he proposes to return to Sunbury and attend to the duties of his office,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that Mr. Harris ought to reside in the county of Northumberland, and Execute the said office of Prothonotary himself, or that it be done under his immediate direction, and that in failure hereof, this board will consider the office vacant and appoint some person being a resident of the county thereto.

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A Letter received from Jonathan Lodge, Esq'r, High Sheriff of Northumberland county, complaining of Thomas Hewitt, William Shaw and Andrew Culbertson, Esquires, Justices, of having suspended him from office, unheard and unconvicted, and praying that some legal Mode of Tryal may be proposed, to which he is ready to submit.

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be deferred untill Captain Hambright, the member of Council for that county, attends.

A Letter from the Honorable John Jay, Esquire, dated eighth July Instant, enclosing resolves of Congress of Twenty-ninth of June last, respecting a loan of Twenty Millions of Dollars, was receiv'd and read.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Thompson, and

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated 5th July, 1779, intreating in the most pressing Terms that Council wou'd be pleased, without delay, to take Effectual Measures to have the Number of Men heretofore requested sent forward to reinforce the Army, under the command of Major General Sullivan, now employed on an expedition into the Indian country, was receiv'd and read.

The following Minute and resolve of the Trustees of the College was read, vizt:

"College of Philadelphia, July 8th, 1779.

"As the President of the State has thought proper to inform this Board, thro' some of its members, that certain legal objections lay to the exercise of some of their rights under their charter, and to advise the not holding a commencement at the time appointed, the Board have, for the present, deferred holding the commencement from an expectation that some mode will be speedily adopted on the part of Government to draw such their rights into question in a legal way, when this board will take the proper steps to defend their charter according to Law.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Willing, Mr. Powell and Mr. Hopkins, be a committee to communicate the sense of the Board on this subject to the President.

"A true copy from the Minutes of the Trustees of the College, &c. "WILLIAM SMITH, Secretary."

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The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt: In favour of John Mc and Co., or their order, for the sum of Fifty-one pounds, for the Freight of Thirty-four Musketts from Cape Francois.

In favour of George Meade and Co., or their order, for the sum of one hundred pounds and ten shillings, for the Freight of sixty-seven stand of Arms from Cape Francois.

WHEREAS, On the Thirteenth day of June, 1778, the Council drew an order on the Treasurer in favour of George Schlosser, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds advanced by him to David Deshler and John Arndt, Esquires, Commissioners for purchasing provisions in the county of Northampton:

And Whereas, The Council drew one other order on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Hugh Montgomery for the sum of one thousand pounds, to be charged to William C. Bradford, Paymaster, which said sum was advanced by the said Schlosser to Captain Montgomery, the Treasury being at that time nearly exhausted; and the Council then agreed to pay him interest upon the said sums of money; Therefore,

Ordered, That the Treasurer do pay unto Mr. George Schlosser, or his order, lawfull interest upon the sums mentioned in the said two orders from their respective dates untill this day.

The Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond, setting forth her desire to go into the city of New York, and praying a pass may be granted her for that purpose, was read.

Ordered, That a recommendation to the officer commanding next to the lines of the Enemy be granted to the said Mary Richmond, to permit her to pass into New York; she giving security in the sum of Five hundred pounds not to return again into this State without special permission from the Council so to do.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 12th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Hambright, (now returned from
Mr. Urie, and Northumberland.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the sum of Ten thousand pounds, to be charged to the account of the said Crispin.

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A Letter from Lodowick Sprogell, M M. G'l, of the 10th, respecting his claim of State allowance of Rum, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Crispin inform this Board what objections there are to the request of Mr. Sprogell, and also, whether £15 ℔ gallon is not too much.

A Memorial of Joseph Dean, setting forth his claim to a certain Tract of Land in the county of Philadelphia, purchased by him of William Bell, late of the said county, attainted of High Treason, and Praying that the President or Vice President, in Council, under his Hand and the State Seal, will Execute to the said Joseph Dean, and his heirs, a Deed confirming to him the right and title to the said Land, he paying the consideration Money yet due thereupon, was read; and the Judgment of the Supreme Court in the said case being also read,

Ordered, That on the Petitioner's paying to the Treasurer of the State the remainder of the Purchase Money, and Interest, he be entitled to a Deed as requested. That it be requested of him to lay the draught thereof before the Attorney General for his perusal and approbation, and that no covenants therein extend farther than that in case of Eviction by Title Paramount, the State be not deemed responsible for more than the money received by the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 13th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Urie, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Mackey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the sum of six thousand Dollars, to be charged to account of the said Stiles.

The Council taking into consideration that the Assembly have directed Cloathing to be provided for the Officers of the Army in the Line of this State, and that it will be reasonably expected from this board that a due and early attention be paid to this important business, and having made sundry Trials to purchase the several necessaries directed without effect.

Resolved, That a Quantity of Flour be immediately Purchased for this purpose, and the same Exported, agreeable to the powers vested in this Board by Law; and that in order to Negotiate this business to the best advantage, Mr. William Turnbull be appointed agent.

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Resolved, also, That the following Gentlemen be desired to purchase and forward to this City the Quantity annexed to their respective names, vizt:

John Wentz, of Philadelphia county,	300	Barrels.
John Thompson, of Bucks county,	400	Do
Mr. Andrew Boyd, of Chester county,	600	Do
Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, of Lancaster county,	600	Do
Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, of Berks county,	500	Do

That Letters be wrote respectively to the above gentlemen, requesting them to make the above Purchases, not exceeding twenty pounds ℔ cent.; and Letters were written accordingly.

A return of Justices for the Township of Mahoning, in the County of Northumberland, having been made, and Robert Martin and Frederick Antis, Esq'r, having been returned as Highest in Vote,

Resolved, That a Commission do Issue to Frederick Antis, Esquire.

Captain Thomas Hemplin, of the Ranging Company to be raised in Northumberland, having returned a roll of his company, by which it appears he has already enlisted two non-commissioned Officers and Twelve Privates, and expects shortly to enlist several more,

Ordered, That Colonel Farmer be directed to provide the Cloathing directed by Congress and the State, vizt: One pair of shoes, a Hunting Shirt, a pair of Overalls, and a Blanket, for each Man for Twenty-six Men, and deliver the same to Captain Hambright, to be forwarded by him to Colonel Hunter, in Northumberland, and delivered out by him as may be necessary.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Reed,

Information was receiv'd of the Death of the Honourable George Ross, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and an Invitation to his Funeral, to-morrow, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the said Funeral, and proceed from the Council Chamber to his late dwelling house.

The Honourable the Congress having Transmitted to this Board sundry Letters addressed to them by Mr. Holker, Agent General

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of the Marine of France, residing in this State, and also sundry Papers accompanying them, Complaining of some persons in the Town of Wilmington, and State of Delaware, having interfered with some Purchaser under him, and taken a Quantity of Flour which was claimed in behalf of the said Mr. Holker; and farther representing, that the said Flour had been afterwards brought up to this City: That he had heard from Mr. William Henry, Chairman of a committee, in whose possession the said Flour was deposited thereupon, and had Wrote to the said Mr. Henry, which Letters are also before this Council. And Congress having requested this Board to take the said matter into Consideration, that right may be done; whereupon, the same being considered,

Resolved, That the transactions of this Board, and of all subordinate authority, to countenance and support the Publick Officers of his most christian majesty in the due and faithfull discharge of their several Offices.

Resolved, That the transactions of Wilmington, or elsewhere, in the State of Delaware, being out of the Jurisdiction of this Board, this Board cannot take cognizance thereof without giving cause of offence to a sister State.

And whereas, It does not appear that any demand that has been made by Monsieur Holker of the Flour, so as to afford any Information upon what ground or claim the Persons complained of have taken the said Flour into their possession; wherefore,

Resolved, That the President be requested to write to the said Mr. Henry, informing him of the said reference of Congress, in order that a due enquiry may be made therein, and satisfaction given, and that such papers as may be necessary be therewith transmitted.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing of Persons in the several counties in this State to receive subscriptions and transmit the same to the Loan Officer, agreeably to the resolve of Congress of the 29th day of June last, for borrowing Twenty Millions of Dollars, on Interest; thereupon,

Resolved, That the following named Persons be appointed for the purposes expressed in the said resolve of Congress, viz:

For the County of Bucks, John Hart, Esquire.
For the County of Chester, William Clingham, Esq'r.
For the County of Lancaster, William Barton, Esq'r.
For the County of Cumberland, William Lyon, Esq'r.
For the County of York, Archibald McClean, Esq'r.
For the County of Berks, Henry Haller, Esq'r.
And for the County of Northampton, Robert Levers, Esq'r.

And that the said appointment be transmitted to the Treasury Board.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Hambright,
Colonel Hart.
Mr. Urie, and
Mr. James Read.

A Letter from Henry Haller, Esquire, dated the instant, together with the Depositions of Nicholas Bower and Christian Bantzy, respecting Sugar and Rum transmitted by Dr. Potts to John Wilman, Tavernkeeper in Reading, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Read, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, on account of his pay as Councellor

A transcript of the judgment of the Supreme Court, in favour of Henry Smith, that the sum of twenty-two pounds two shillings debt, and the sum of five pounds nine shillings and six pence, costs, be paid him out of the Estate of Andrew Allen, Esquire, dated 23d of April, 1779, was read; and thereupon, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Henry Smith, for the sum of twenty-seven pounds eleven shillings and six pence, agreeably to the said judgment.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That John Elwood, now under sentence of death for High Treason, and confined in the Goal of the County of Bucks, be pardoned.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William C. Bradford, Pay master of the State Fleet, or his order, for the sum of one thousand pounds, and the same to be charged to account of the said Bradford.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the sum of six hundred pounds, to be charged to account of said Cowell.

A Letter to the Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, respecting the resolve of Congress for the reformation of the Quarter Master and Commissary departments, was read and approved, and the same was signed accordingly.

Another order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, and the same to be charged to his account.

Petition of Frederick Sneider, Doorkeeper, praying an increase of his wages, was read,

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Ordered, That Frederick Sneider be allowed the same Wages as is now allowed to Robert Patton, Doorkeeper of Congress; and that the Doorkeeper of Council have an equal privilege of the State House Yard, as the Doorkeeper of the House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. James Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Transcript of the Judgment of the Supreme Court, in favour of Phillip Marott, whereby the said Court do Decree him the sum of one hundred and twenty-six pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, debt, with five pounds nine shillings and six pence costs, from the estate of Samuel Shoemaker, 24th of April, 1779, being read; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Phillip Marott, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-two pounds and nine shillings, to be paid out of the Monies arising from the Estate of Samuel Shoemaker.

A Letter from the Honourable John Jay, Esquire, dated the 14th instant, enclosing resolve of Congress respecting Quarter Masters, Commissaries, &c., dated the Ninth instant, was read.

The office of Judge of the Admiralty being now vacant by the death of the Honourable George Ross, Esq'r, and the Council considering the necessity of having that office filled without delay. On mature deliberation,

Ordered, That Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, be appointed Judge of the Admiralty of this State, and that a commission be accordingly issued.

Thomas Bradford, Esquire, Commissary of Prisoners, returned to this Board a list of persons as undermentioned, late Citizens of this State, taken in Arms against the subjects of the United States, which he is ready to deliver over for Trial, agreeable to the resolution of Congress of Thirtieth of December, 1777, vizt.: Captain Jacob Getchues, Zachariah Hutchins, Charles McClean, Samuel Saunders, James Thompson, William Ryan, Captain of Marines, John Papley, Captn. of Letter of Marque, Schooner Patsey.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

Mr. Bradford having represented that Captain Geddis, of the Privateer Brigg Holker, fitted out of this State, has, contrary to

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the resolves of Congress, and the duty He owes this State, liberated the Captain and crew of the Snow Friendship, lately captured by Him.

Resolved, That the bond given by the said Geddis and his owners, be sent to the Attorney General, with orders to prosecute the same, unless he shew sufficient cause to the Contrary to this Board before Wednesday next, and that a copy of this resolution be immediately sent to him.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, appointed and Commissioned to be Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, attended in the Council-chamber, and took the oath of Allegiance and the oath of office required by the Constitution to be taken before he enter on the Execution of his office.

Captain Geddis attended the Council, and represented that the Seamen taken on board the Snow Friendship, were Americans, and had entered on board the Brigg Holker; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Captain Geddis do deliver up to the Commissary of Prisoners, the Captain and Mate of the said Ship Friendship.

On application.

Ordered, That Mrs. Mary Matlack, wife of White Matlack, of this city, and her Brother, Nathaniel Hawkehurst, be permitted to come from New York to this City, and that a recommendation be accordingly made out.

Ordered, That application be made to the Board of War for two hundred weight of Gun Powder, and eight hundred weight of Lead, to be put into the hands of Colonel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the use of the Militia of the said county, the removal of the Continental Troops Leaving that county greatly exposed to the attacks of the Enemy.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Cornish, for sixty-six pounds fifteen shillings, for Turners' Work done for the State House.

Colonel Nichola having certified that Lieutenant Abraham Wood of the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, and Lieutenant William McThatton, of the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, having been wounded and thereby disabled to do duty in the line, were duly transferred to the Invalid Regiment, and the said officers having applied to this Board to be admitted to the benefits allowed other officers,

Ordered, That the same be granted, to be Drawn in the same manner as Messrs. Honeyman and Pugh.

Captain John D. Woelper, late of the German Battalion, and Captain W. Williams, of the Third North Carolina Regiment, having been transferred on account of Infirmity of Body to the Invalid Corps, and applying to this Board for the allowance made the officers of the Line,

Ordered, That the same be granted to Captain Woelper, he being entitled as a Pennsylvania officer, and that Captain Williams be informed that this Board cannot extend it beyond the State.

The President laid before the Board a Letter from the Honourable James Lovell, Esquire, a Delegate for Massachusetts Bay, enclosing a resolve of the Honourable Council of that State, in the following Words, to wit:

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS-BAY,
Council Chamber, June 9th, 1779.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Prisoners of this State be, and hereby is, directed to furnish Mr. Joshua Maseracre, D. C. General of Prisoners for the Continent, with a Prisoner of equal rank with Mr. Maxwell, a Merchant, lately taken by the Continental Frigate on his passage from New York to Georgia, as soon as a Flag shall be sent by him on account of the United States, in consideration of said Maseracre's permitting Mr. Maxwell and his wife to proceed in the first cartel for New York, to effect an exchange for Mr. Coates, of Philadelphia, who has been captured by the Enemy above twelve Months ago, and is now a Prisoner on Parole at Philadelphia, and for whose redemption his Excellency

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Joseph Reed, Esquire, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, has applied to this State thro' James Lovell, Esq'r, one of the Delegates from this State at Congress, and urged as a reason therefor that Colonel Skene, who was made Prisoner in the State of Pennsylvania, was given in exchange for Mr. Lovell, as will appear by Mr. Lovell's Letter of the Seventeenth of May last, directed to the Secretary.

A true copy.

Attest—JOHN AVERY, Dy. Sec'y.

And also a letter from Joshua Maseracre, Dep'y Com'y General of Prisoners for said State, signifying his acquiescence in said resolve, and readiness to Execute the same.

Colonel Marsteller, Paymaster of the Militia of Lancaster County, having certified the services of two companies of Militia, commanded by Captains Petrie and Shoufler, for two months, the former consisting of seventy-four and the latter of eighty-four officers and privates, in order to their being paid twenty pounds ℔ man, agreeable to the late act of Assembly,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer do give an order therefor on the Trustees of the General Loan Office, specifying the same to have been for service in guarding Continental Stores and other service of the United States, and that the said Certificates be Transmitted, together with a copy of this resolve, to David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State.

A Letter from Major General St. Clair, of the Twelfth Instant, requesting to know whether Captain Lee's Company of Artillery, now serving with the Troops of another State, shall draw of the stores allotted to the Troops of this State; and the same being considered, it appears by a reference to the votes of Assembly, Page 115, that they were to be considered as part of the Quota of this State, when a return shou'd be made to the commander-in-chief, of their belonging to this State, and the same also certified to the Board of War; and also, that it was the intention of the Assembly, by a resolve of the same date, that they shou'd be annexed to the Regiment of Artillery of this State; and nothing appearing to this Board to shew that either of these resolves have been complied with,

Resolved, That General St. Clair be Informed that the sense of this Board is, that Captain Lee cannot draw from the State store untill he is qualified therefor, agreeable to the said resolves.—Also,

Resolved, That inquiry be made of the Delegates of this State, whether they have moved Congress to annex the said companies to the Artillery Regiment of this State, agreeable to the instruction of the House of Assembly, and if it has been omitted, to request it may be done forthwith, that Captain Lee's company may have justice done them.

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General St. Clair in said letter also requesting to know whether the Artillery attached to the Division, be intitled to draw with the Line, though not belonging to the State.

Resolved, That General St. Clair be informed that part of the German Battalion, and other Corps of this State, serving with those of other States, have assigned as a reason for their application, that they cou'd not draw with the Troops to which they were occasionally Joined, and that untill one general rule takes place thro' the whole, this Board cannot admit of the Troops of other States drawing with them. But that if for the sake of conveniency, General St. Clair can, by any means, have the proportion of Stores replaced in kind, this Board have no objection to a Temporary accommodation, but not otherwise.

Major General St. Clair having recommended Robert Martin, Gentleman, to be an ensign in the Tenth Regiment, on the line of this State,

Resolved, That he be appointed accordingly.

Lieutenant Colonel Hubley having also recommended Henry Burley to a like commission in the Eleventh Regiment,

Resolved, That he be appointed accordingly, and that the Board of War be desired to issue the said commission.

A Letter of Colonel Hubley's was also read, requesting commissions to be also sent agreeable to an arrangement said to be forwarded by General Sullivan, but not yet come to hand; Also requesting that orders may be sent to Colonel Spencer to dismiss Captain Wilkie's Independent Company, raised in Pennsylvania, and by a late resolve of Congress annexed to the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, Colonel Spencer detaining the said company to the great dissatisfaction of the officers and men.

Resolved, That the Honourable the Board of War be desired to give Colonel Spencer directions herein, it being the Earnest wish of this Board, and also of the Assembly, that all the detached Corps of this State be duly Incorporated into the line as soon as possible, that the number of its Troops may be ascertained.

A Letter from Colonel Morgan, of Reading, signifying his readiness to act as purchaser of Flour in Berks county, and requesting to know whether he shall give the Philadelphia price at the Mills, the purchasing commissary for the United States giving that price.

Resolved, In the affirmative.

An application from Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, for two Officers and thirty Men of the Militia, to go as a guard over some prisoners to Elizabeth Town.

Ordered, That the same be considered to-morrow.

The Commissioners and Assessors having laid before the Board a remonstrance signed by several Persons in Germantown, declaring that they will not pay their Taxes on account of some indulgence shewn by the said Commissioners to other Persons, and also a far-

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ther remonstrance by sundry other Inhabitants, signifying their intention to support them therein,

Resolved, That the same be farther considered to-morrow.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Thompson, (returned from home.)

A Letter from Monsieur Holker, of the seventeenth instant, signifying a desire that information shou'd be given to Congress touching the Flour mentioned on the Minutes of this Board on the fourteenth Instant, as soon as possible, was read; and

Ordered, to be filed.

The consideration of the remonstrance from Germantown was resumed; and thereupon it was

Resolved, That this Board disapproves the mode which the remonstrants have taken to procure redress of the injuries they complain of, as subversive of all Government, and tending to create disorder and confusion.

Secondly, That if the Board of Commissioners and Assessors, or any inferior officers of Government, had wilfully or ignorantly deviated from their duty, complaint should be made thereof to this Board, the Honourable House of Assembly, or a Prosecution be had in the ordinary Courts of Law, in either of which modes competent and speedy redress may be obtained.

Thirdly. That as the said remonstrances have most probably proceeded from inadvertence rather than any settled intention to obstruct the Commissioners and Assessors in the discharge of their duty, or oppose the collection of Taxes, so necessary at this time, it being recommended to the Commissioners and Assessors to give the complainants all reasonable satisfaction and information of the circumstances and reasons on which they have proceeded.

Fourthly. That it be recommended to the good People of Germantown to pay obedience to the laws, and seek redress of any grievances by a regular application to this Board or the Honourable House of Assembly, who will on all occasions pay due regard to their just and reasonable complaints; and that copies hereof be sent to the Board of Commissioners and Assessors, in order that the same may be duly Notified to the People of Germantown.

A Letter wrote to Mr. Henry, Commissary of Naval Stores, to let Mr. McClenachan have Ten tons of the old disabled guns, he paying therefor.

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Mr. Bradford's application for a guard of Militia being again considered,

Resolved, That Mr. Bradford be informed that these short services of Militia, being considered as a performance of a tour of duty, the calling of them out is attended with great inconvenience and dissatisfaction, by reason of the duty being so unequal.

That he be requested, therefore, to fall upon some other Mode.

That the Board are of opinion it wou'd be better for the State, and less expensive to the Publick, to hire a number of men for the purpose, than to call upon the Militia, but that as it is a service of the United States, it does not appear reasonable to impose the burthen upon any particular State. That if Mr. Bradford cannot procure the Men, he be recommended to the Lieutenant of the City, who will doubtless assist him in obtaining a sufficient Number to go upon Hire.

Captain Isaac Coren, having, agreeable to a resolve of Assembly of the Fifth of April, laid before this Board, that his company is credited to the Quota of this State, and praying that they may be admitted to the benefit of the enumerated articles allowed by the State to the officers of the Line.

Resolved, That the same be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday July 21st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messieurs Britton and Allibone, for the sum of Thirty-Nine pounds eighteen shillings and three pence, the amount of their account for Boards for the Court Room.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Philip Bæhin, Paymaster of the County of Northampton, for the sum of three thousand pounds, for paying the Militia of the said county, for which He is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Britton, for the sum of Twelve pounds ten shillings, the amount of his account for Boards for the Brig Convention.

A Letter from the Board of Treasury, dated the Twentieth Instant, inclosing a resolve of that Board in Answer to the applica-

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tion of the Fifteenth instant, and signifying it to be the Expectations of Congress that the Gentleman appointed under the resolve of the Twenty-Ninth of June, wou'd act Gratis.

Ordered, That the said Letter and resolution be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Mackey, and
No Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

A Paper dated in Committee, and signed William Henry, Chairman, in answer to the referrence made by this Board on the Fourteenth Instant, having been read,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the said Mr. Henry, to inform him that the papers alluded to in said Answer did not accompany it, and to desire that they may be forwarded as soon as convenient.

The President having informed the Board that Mr. Holker had conferred with him on the above representation, and shewed a copy thereof received by him (Mr. Holker), from the Committee, and requested that this Board wou'd point out such parts thereof as may appear to convey any Imputation upon him, or distrust of his faithfull performance of his duty as a Publick officer.

Ordered, That the said Paper be farther considered to-morrow, that a proper Answer may be given to the said request.

This Board taking into Consideration the appointment of a State Clothier, pursuant to the resolve of Congress of the Sixth April last,

Ordered, That Francis Swaine, Gent., be appointed thereto, and that He have a salary therefor, at the rate of three thousand dollars ℔ Annum, besides the allowance made in the said resolve of Congress.

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A Letter from Colonel Wetzle, Lieutenant of Northampton County, representing that the Indians had Invaded said county, and praying some ammunition.

Ordered, That two hundred Pounds of Powder, and Eight hundred pounds of Lead, be forwarded as soon as possible, and that the Commissary of Military Stores do provide the same, applying to the Honourable Board of War for Lead, if the State store cannot supply it, and that the same be delivered to Henry Houghenbuck.

A Petition from Commodore John Hazlwood, requesting one of the Twelve Pounders belonging to the State.

Ordered, That he apply to Mr. Henry, Commissary of Naval Stores therefor, if it can be spared without Inconvenience to the State; that he take such as Mr. Henry points out, paying for the same, and upon Condition that he give the refusal thereof to the State, at the same price, when the service for which it is now wanted ceases.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 24th of July, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Urie,	Mr. Mackey.
Mr. Read,	

A Letter from Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, of Lancaster county, setting forth that he hath procured a quantity of Flour pursuant to the Instructions by him receiv'd from the Council, and requesting an order for the sum of Twenty thousand pounds, was read; and thereupon,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Philip Gloninger, Assistant to the said Philip Marsteller, Esquire, for the sum of Twenty thousand pounds, to be paid to the said Marsteller for the purpose aforesaid, and for which he is to account.

The Petition of William Johnston and John Lewis, representing that they were bail for Edward and Jonathan Jones, who joined the British Army in Philadelphia, and have absconded, so that the Petitioners are liable to pay Two hundred pounds each, and praying that the same may be remitted, or so much of the said Jones's estate granted as they may be liable to pay.

And the same being now considered, the Board conceiving that such an Indulgence wou'd give great encouragement to offenders, be a dangerous precedent in future cases, and that at the present rate of Money the said sum is very small.

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Ordered, That the Prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

A Letter was receiv'd from General William Irwin, recommending John Rannistón, a serjeant of the Seventh Regiment, to an Ensigncy therein, and the said Rannistón being also recommended by the officers of said Regiment,

Ordered, That he be appointed accordingly, and the same communicated to the Board of War.

The said Letter also complaining that sundry soldiers very capable of doing duty in the line, are detained in the Invalid Regiment,

Ordered, That a Transcript be made of so much of said Letter as relates thereto, and forwarded to Colonel Nichola.

A Petition from John Swanwick, praying that this Board will permit his Mother to keep the stock and effects forfeited by his Father, at the appraisement made some time ago, and a recommendation of sundry gentlemen of Chester county thereupon, which being read and considered,

Resolved, That the Justices of the Supreme Court are by law empowered to make all reasonable allowances to the Wives and Children of attainted Persons. That all the residue being the property of the State, it is not in the power of this Board to dispose thereof, that being the duty and right of the General Assembly only; therefore the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of Margaret Crohon, wife of Dennis Crohon, late of Southwark, Lumber Merchant, and William Montgomery, attornies to said Dennis, representing that he departed from this Country in the year 1775, to Ireland, on Private business, and expressly denying that he has knowingly aided or assisted the Enemies of this, or of the United States, by joining their Armies within this State, and declaring the said Dennis Crohon to be a Faithful Friend to the cause of America; and praying an opportunity to make proof of the above circumstances; and also representing that as the said Crohon is in Ireland, it is impossible for him to surrender himself by the day mentioned in the late proclamation, viz:— The Fifth day of August next; whereupon,

The same being considered,

Resolved, That Mr. Hart and Mr. Mackey be a committee to hear the said Petitioners, and that the Petitioners give Notice to the Agents of Forfeited Estates for the county, or one of them, of the time and place of said hearing, and that the said committee report thereon to this Board.

The Charters of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, having been laid before the Board, agreeable to order,

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the Attorney General for his consideration and opinion on the following points, viz:

First, How far the said Charters and the obligations therein imposed are compatible with the Laws and government of this State since the late happy Revolution.

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Secondly, Whether the oath of Allegiance and Fidelity, required in the College Charter, is or is not an Indispensible requisite to performing any official act.

Thirdly, Whether by the several Test Laws of this State the Trustees of the said College can act in the said Trust without taking a Test as Trustees.

Fourthly, Whether if the said Trustees have taken all the said Tests, it can be deemed a Legal Substitute to the oath of Allegiance required in said Charter to the King of Great Britain.

Fifthly, Whether in case of these Trustees taking the Test prescribed by the act of Assembly, passed the Eighth December, 1778, or that passed the Second April, 1779, be sufficient to remove any disabilities incurred by former neglects, and especially a non-compliance with the act passed First April.

Sixthly, Whether the clause in the second Chapter, forty-fifth Section, of the Constitution, operates so as to cure the defects or illegal obligations (if any) imposed by the said Charter, or removes any disabilities to which the Trustees or officers otherwise are subjected, or what is the legal construction of the said clause.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 27th, 1779.

The Petition of Catherine Malone, convicted of Four several Larcenies, was read.

Also, the Petition of Ann Williams, in behalf of her Husband, Adam Williams, was read, but the copies of the Convictions not having accompanied the Petitions, the same were not considered.

An application from the Commercial Committee of Congress, requesting permission to ship to the Island of St. Domingo, two thousand Barrells of Pork, one thousand Barrells of Beef, and one thousand Barrells of Flour, for the supplying his most Christian Majesty's Forces on that Island, and representing that his Minister Plenipotentiary has promised that the same shall be paid for at the Market price, the said provisions being also represented as a surplus beyond what is necessary for the use of the Army.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

A Letter signed Holker, dated 24th of July, 1779, was read, complaining of a late Publication in the Newspapers, and demanding the immediate Exertions of Government on the occasion, was also read, and ordered to be farther considered with the same subject referred by Congress.

The Petition of Ann Williams being again considered, Ordered, that the Punishment adjudged by the Court, be respited untill Saturday next.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Mackey, and
Not a Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.
Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Mackey, and

A Letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, enclosing two resolutions of that Body; the First to recommend the enacting of Laws to preserve Publick Buildings erected at the expence of the United States.

The Second containing sundry regulations for the office of Hide-Master, and empowering the Executive authority of the States to superintend them, both which were read and ordered to be filed.

A Letter from the Honourable Mr. Huntingdon, Chairman of a Committee of Congress, inclosing a resolve of Congress, importing that the Minister Plenipotentiary of the King of France, had laid a Memorial before Congress, with Sundry Papers and extracts which had been referred to a Committee, consisting of himself, Mr. Laurens, Mr. Smith, Mr. Morris and Mr. McKean, who requested a conference with this Board thereupon as soon as convenient, and requesting them to Name a time and place; whereupon an Answer was wrote, appointing five o'clock this afternoon, and the place the President's House, he not being able to go abroad.

A Letter from Mr. Holker was also read, together with Sundry Papers relative to the Flour in the Possession of the Committee of this place.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

A Letter, also from the Committee, inclosing Sundry affidavits and Papers touching the said Flour, were also read and farther considered.

A Letter, also from Monssieur Gerard, Minister Plenipotentiary to his Most Christian Majesty, was read, complaining of the Trans-

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actions respecting said Flour, which was read, the receipt thereof acknowledged, and ordered to lay for farther and more deliberate consideration.

A letter from Monssieur Holker on the same subject, and complaining of the Publications in the newspapers thereon, on which the like order was made.

A Letter from Francis Swaine, State Clothier, was read, accepting the said office, and Nominating Mr. Frederick Muhlenburg and Mr. Jacob Graff, his securities.

Resolved, That the said State Clothier and his Sureties, enter into Bond in Twenty thousand pounds, conditioned for the good behaviour of the said Francis Swaine in the said office, and regularly accounting for all Monies, Clothes, and other articles by him receiv'd on Publick account; and in case of Death, or removal from office, delivering over to the order of Congress of the United States, all Cloathes, or other articles belonging, and to the order of this Board any such cloathes, or other articles belonging to the State which may be in his Hands, and all the Books and vouchers for the Expenditure thereof, taking copies thereof for his own security, if desired.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31st, 1779.

A report of the conviction of Catherine Melone being laid before the Board, and a Petition renewed,

Resolved, That the Corporal Punishment adjudged on Wednesday, the Fourth day of August, and that on the Twenty-eighth day of August, be remitted, and that a pardon do Issue therefor.

The Petition of Margaret Cuthbert to pass to New York with a recommendation, was read.

Ordered, That she have a pass, giving Security not to return without leave.

The Commercial Committee of Congress having withdrawn their former application, and now presented another, that the Embargo now laid be so far revoked as to permit them to Export two thousand Barrells of Pork, one thousand Barrells of Beef, and one thousand Barrells of Flour, for the use of the French Fleet, it being a surplus of Provisions beyond necessary use.

Resolved, That a permission be granted therefor in the usual Forms; also,

Resolved, That the Exportation of Flour, the staple of this State, for the benefit of the United States, during an embargo, be not drawn into Precedent in future.

The Petition of Colonel Holgate, of the Second Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia, for Two hundred Arms and cartouche Boxes, being read,

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Ordered, That Colonel Holgate be informed that this Board are pleased with his views to get his Battalion properly Armed, and request him to make search for Publick Arms within his district, and that the Lieutenant of the County being accountable for Arms, application made thro' Him will be properly attended to.

Application of Davis Bevan, in behalf of a Captain John Young, now confined for giving a Challenge, and praying he may be permitted to go into the Sea Service.

Resolved, That the same be considered at a future day, and enquiry made into the circumstances of the case.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for Five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, State Commissary of Cloathing, for the sum of Ninety thousand pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is account. See Entries of the 6th and 9th August.

Resolved, That the Attorney General be authorized to confer with any other Gentleman of the Law he thinks proper, on the College Charters, and the points on which his opinion was requested, on the Instant, and this Board will defray the expence thereof, when the Attorney General signifies in whose favour the order is to be drawn.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, and John Mackey, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

Sundry Letters from Northumberland were read, informing of an Incursion by the Indians and Tories, by which the surrender of Fort Freeland had been occasioned, and the Country so distressed that the county wou'd probably soon be evacuated; Whereupon

The same were taken into consideration, and it was

Resolved, First, That all voluntiers who have turned out upon this emergency, not only deserve the thanks of their Country, but shall be entitled to pay and rations during their continuance in service, and if it shall happen that any such volunteers are upon

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the next Tour of duty, they shall be allowed for the same from the day they have marched.

Secondly, That the Lieutenants of Lancaster and Cumberland be directed to order a class from each county to March to Sunbury immediately, taking their orders there from Colonel Hunter, the Lieutenant of the county as to their farther station or destination for the protection of the distressed Frontiers, and keeping up the communication with General Sullivan's Army; but if it shou'd happen that one class shall not furnish Three hundred Men, exclusive of officers, then another class is to be called from each county, his Excellency General Washington having made a requisition of Seven hundred men at least, for the above service.

Thirdly, That the said Lieutenants, and also those of Westmoreland and Bedford, be directed to send off the companies of Rangers stationed in their respective counties immediately; The accounts from fort Pitt affording the utmost reason to believe they may be spared from their present station.

In Council.

Tuesday, August 3d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.

Mr. Mackey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, junior, for the sum of Twelve thousand pounds, for the purpose of Purchasing Flour for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, Paymaster, for the sum of five thousand pounds for paying the Workmen employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

A Letter from Mr. Holker, Consul of France, in answer to one wrote on the Thirty-first of July, was read; and

Ordered, To be farther considered

A Letter from the President of Congress, accompanied with sundry Papers and a resolve, importing that the Law of Nations had been violated in the Capture of a Portuguese Ship, named the Nostra Senora de Nomel and Sr. Antonio, by one Joseph Cunningham, commander of the Priveteer Phœnix, owned by Carter, Braxton, and others, and recommending to this state, to that of Virginia and Massachusetts Bay, to take the most effectual Measures for

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the apprehending and bringing to condign Punishment the said Joseph Cunningham, Carter, Braxton, and others, who may be justly deemed guilty of the seizure and capture of the said snow, commanded by John Goucia Duarte.

Resolved, That the same be considered to-morrow.

A Letter was wrote to Colonel Galbraith, of Lancaster county, inclosing the orders for calling out a class of his Militia, if it amounted to three hundred Men; if not, to proceed to another, and so on.

Advices having been also received from Northampton county of the Incursions by the Indians at Minisink, Letters were wrote to Colonel Wietzle, Lieutenant of the county, recommending the utmost exertions for their defence; to Colonel Jacob Stroud, disapproving his opposition to the Lieutenants in the discharge of their duty; to the Colonels and Field officers of the several Battalions, recommending and enjoining obedience, alacrity and dispatch in their several duties at this critical juncture; all which were forwarded by Colonel Chambers.

A Letter was read from his Excellency Governor Clinton, inclosing copies of the Laws which have passed in that State since the revolution, and praying a like return from this State.

Which request being very acceptable to this Board, was complied with, and the President desired to write Governor Clinton accordingly.

Captain Ziegler laid before the Board an account of the Expenditures to the Fifteenth of August, instant, which was ordered to be filed.

A second Petition from the Invalid Corps was read, praying to be admitted to the benefit of the Soldier in the line.

Ordered, That the Secretary do acquaint them they are not included in the resolutions of the Assembly, and therefore, not within the power of the Board to grant their request.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the Forfeited Estates in York County, and it appearing that Mr. Stephenson, one of the Agents, is dead, Mr. Nailer sick and incapable of Business, so that Mr. Chesney only remains.

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Resolved, That William Mitchel, Esquire, be appointed Agent of Forfeited Estates in the county of York.

Complaint having been made against Jacob Stroud, Colonel of the Sixth Battalion of Northampton County Militia, that He incites the People to oppose the authority of the Lieutenants of the County, and in other respects obstructs the Execution of the Law: Whereupon, it was resolved, that Colonel Stroud do attend this Board on the Tenth of September next, to Answer the said complaint; and that a Copy of this resolution be served upon Him, at least Ten days before, and that Colonel Wetzle do give Notice to the Sub-Lieutenants of this resolve, that they may be ready to support the said complaint.

A Complaint having been made against Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, High Sheriff of Northumberland, that by his neglect of duty and misconduct, Three Notorious Traytors and villains who were Apprehended on a charge of the most atrocious kind, were suffered to Escape from the Goal of Northumberland,

Resolved, That the said Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, do attend this Board on the fifteenth of September next, to Answer to the said complaint, and that He have Ten days notice of this resolve.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, for the sum of Ten thousand pounds, for purchasing Rum, Sugar, Tea, &c., for the supply of the Fleet and Men employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

Application being made by Captain Campbell, of the Invalid Corps, setting forth that He is a Native of this State, served first in Colonel Miles's Regiment, then in Colonel Hazen's, and praying to be allowed the privileges of the officers of the line.

Ordered, That the Secretary do inform Captain Campbell, that the resolution of the Assembly is limited to officers in the line of Pennsylvania, and that the resolve of Congress does not in the least affect the said resolve of Assembly.

Colonel Hart and Mr. Mackey having reported that the Allegations set forth in the Petition of Margaret Crohon, on the Twenty-fourth ult., which was committed to them, are true.

Resolved, That this Board do agree therewith, and that a Proclamation do Issue, superceding the former Proclamation, so far as respects the said Dennis Crohon.

Sundry Citizens of Philadelphia, vizt: Daniel Roberdeau, William Bradford, William Henry, Thomas Paine, James Hutchinson and Owen Biddle, having laid before the Board a plan for the Restoration of Publick Credit, and praying that this Board will countenance and support it, if they shall judge it conducive to the Interests of the Community,

Ordered, To lay for consideration.

Colonel Hubley having recommended Mr. Samuel Reed to be an Ensign in the Eleventh Regiment,

Resolved, That He be appointed accordingly.

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A Letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, was read, inclosing sundry resolves of that Body respecting Mr. Holker's affairs, and that particularly the Publications therein are Injurious to the servants of his Most Christian Majesty's, and that Congress do disapprove of the same. Also, that if any Prosecutions shall be deemed expedient, the United States will defray the Expences thereof.

Also, a Letter from Monssieur Gerard, alluding to the said resolve, and signifying that it being His wish to cement the Union and Friendship between the two Countries, and to seek redress, not vengeance, the magnanimity wou'd not permit him to insist upon the Prosecution, all which are ordered to be filed.

It appearing that a mistake had been made by the Honourable Vice President, who signed a Warrant to Colonel Nichola, on the Thirty-first ultimo, the order being for Fifteen thousand Dollars, instead of Fifteen hundred. A Letter was wrote to Colonel Nichola, informing him of the mistake, that it might be rectified.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 6th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, for the sum of Two Hundred and fifty pounds, for making Bayonets and Ramrods for the State of Pennsylvania.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull, for the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars, in part of his Pay for superintending the Works at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which He is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of two thousand eight hundred and sixteen Dollars and two-thirds, for the recruiting service, for which He is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Mackey, a member of this Board for Chester county, for the sum of Four hundred Dollars, in part of his Pay, for which he is to account.

A Letter from Colonel Nichola, advising that he had spent of the Fifteen thousand Dollars issued by mistake, to the amount of Two thousand eight hundred and sixteen Dollars and two-thirds,

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for which an order was drawn, and the other to be recalled. See entry before of this day.

A Paper from Congress, signed Gerard, to the same import as that addressed to this Board yesterday; which was read and ordered to be filed.

A Letter from Captain Duffey, of the Artillery, requesting to draw the enumerated articles, and representing that He is left by Colonel Proctor to superintend the Hospital at Valley Forge.

Resolved, That the Board of War be requested to inform this Board of the nature and necessity of this service, it being a rule of the Board not to allow draught by officers absent from ordinary duty, and a Letter was wrote accordingly.

A Petition from John Young, for Pardon for giving a Challenge, but no record of the Conviction being sent therewith, the same was not farther considered.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Plan recommended by sundry Citizens, for restoring publick credit; Whereupon,

Resolved, That this Board doth approve of the General System for that purpose, but that it appears to be necessary to Explain the nature of the Taxes to be advanced, it appearing to this Board that the same shou'd be confined to Taxes for Continental purposes only, it being at all times necessary notwithstanding, to support the Poor, repair Highways, and raise some Taxes for the local and internal uses of Government.

Resolved, That the zeal and Publick spirit shewn by the Citizens of Philadelphia, and their laudable endeavours to restore Publick Credit, are highly acceptable to this Board, and merit our utmost countenance and encouragement.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

Ordered, That John Lukens, Esquire, late Surveyor General, under the Proprietaries, be desired and directed to furnish the Agents for forfeited Estates on their application, with Copies of all such Papers in the said office as may be necessary for them.

The Petition of Elizabeth Condor, praying permission to go into New York, was read.

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Ordered, That she have a pass, giving Security in the sum of Five hundred pounds, not to return again without special permission.

The Petition of Mary Atwood, praying permission to go into New York, was read.

Ordered, That she have a pass, giving Security in the sum of Five hundred pounds, not to return again without special permission.

A Letter from Mrs. Sarah Yard, requesting permission to go into New York.

Ordered, That she have a pass, giving Security in the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds, not to return again without special permission.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Reed, Mr. Urie.

A Letter from Colonel Lewis Nichola, Town Major, enclosing the draft on the Treasurer in his favour for Fifteen thousand Dollars, dated July thirty-first, 1779, in compliance with the order of this Board on the 6th Instant.

Ordered, That the same be cancelled.

The referrence of the Honourable the Congress, on the complaint of Mr. Holker being again resumed, and this Board having deliberately and carefully perused the several Papers touching the Flour purchased at Wilmington; and also, the several Publications made in the several News Papers respecting Mr. Holker, and duly considered the same, do agree to the following resolutions:

First, That the Flour in Question and now in the possession of this Board, be delivered to Mr. Holker, or his Order, or in case Mr. Holker declines accepting thereof, this Board to be accountable therefor.

Secondly, That this Board highly disapproves of all Publications tending to injure the Characters and impede the Officers of his Most Christian Majesty in the faithfull discharge of their Publick Functions, in which we will support them with the whole Executive authority of the State.

Thirdly. That upon a carefull perusal of the several affidavits, certificates and papers transmitted to this Board, on each side of the Question, it does not appear that any clandestine private Trade has

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been carried on, to the prejudice of the said embargo, by the authority or orders of the said Mr. Holker, or with his privity or concurrence. And Mr. Holker in his representation of the Twenty-fourth, ult., having disavowed any such Transactions, we deem and consider it as perfectly satisfactory.

Fourthly. That it be recommended to Mr. Holker, if he shou'd make any farther Purchases by way of private commerce, to employ none but Persons of Fair and Unsuspected characters, as an Effectual means to prevent any farther difficulties or obstructions, and preserve publick and personal Tranquility.

Ordered, That the same be published.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honb'l GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Urie.

A Petition of Edward Lee, a Youth of Thirteen years of age, lately convicted at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, of Felony, in stealing a quantity of Beef and Salt, the Property of the United States, for which he has been sentenced to pay a Fine and receive Corporal Punishment, and the justices having recommended him as a proper object of Mercy,

Resolved, That a free and general pardon do Issue for the said Offence.

A Representation having been made by the Honourable William Atlee, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, that an aged infirm Woman, the Mother-in-law of Michael Witman, had a Claim upon the Estate of the said Michael, which thro' her poverty and infirmity she had not been able to present to the Supreme Court in due season; that the sale of the said Lands is advertised for the Twenty-fifth Instant, and sundry papers having been laid before the Board by which there appears to be a reasonable ground for said claim.

Resolved, That the Agents for Forfieted Estates for Lancaster county do sell the forfieted Estate of Michael Witman, subject to the Claim of the said Widow Screidt, who is hereby directed to lay the same before the next Supreme Court, that due order may be taken therein.

A pass granted to Mary Buckley to go to New York, giving security in the sum of Five hundred pounds, not to return again without special permission.

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Colonel Piper, Lieutenant of Bedford county, having made a return of officers to be commissioned for the first Battalion of Militia of the said county, vizt:

Thomas Smith, Colonel; William Tissue and Oliver Drake, Captains; Christy Agency and William Nicholls, First Lieutenants; George Bruner and Henry Abrams, Second Lieutenants; George Shaver and David Standiford, Ensigns.

In the second Battalion, John Galloway, Captain; and in the Third Battalion, Samuel Thompson, Captain.

Resolved, That the said commissions do issue.

An order issued to Lieutenant Colonel Edward Heeston for Two hundred Dollars, for services done to General Potter, from the fourteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, to the Third of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, as certified by the said General, at four dollars ℔ day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

Council observing that the Agents of Forfeited Estates for Chester county have, in an advertisement of the Lands of David Dawson, (inter alia,) inserted the words following, vizt: "Mrs. Dawson having her Thirds of these Premises during life,"

Ordered, That the Secretary write immediately to the said Agents for information of the Nature of Mrs. Dawson's estate in the said Lands, that he acquaint them that dower at Common Law is Forfeited by the attainder of the Husband, and that the profits of a Married Woman's real estate are also vested in such case in the State, during the natural life of the Husband.

The Board taking into consideration the Commercial Interests of the State, and that the Embargo imposed by the Law of this State will expire, by its own limitation, on the first of September next,

Resolved, That the delegates of this State be requested to lay this matter before the Honourable the Congress of the United States, in order to obtaining the sense of that Honourable Body, how far the same may be necessary and convenient for the advancement of the General Interest, it being the intention of this Board to be governed thereby in the exercise of the power of continuing the Embargo vested in them by the Constitution of this State; and as an

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early decision will be convenient to the Trading Interests, this Board request Congress to favour them in that particular.

The Tour of duty of the Militia now in the Garrison at Billingsport and Mud Island, expiring on the Instant, and this Board taking into consideration that a Call on the Militia of the county wou'd draw off the People during seed time, and also that a continuance of the Artillery alone wou'd be to seperate them from the Battalions in a course of duty, if they shou'd be called to take the Field,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia be directed to call out a Class of Militia of the City and Liberties, to take the charge of the Forts at Mud Island and Billingsport, and that a Number of the Artillery proportioned to one Class, be likewise called out for said service, all of whom are to do the same duty, and be entitled to the same privileges as the Troops they relieve.

Council being informed that divers Persons, late Inhabitants of this State, have been taken in Arms at Sea against the United States, on Board of Vessels commissioned by the Enemy to make Prizes of the Ships of this and the other Confederate States, and that there are now in confinement, either for Tryal and Punishment or to be exchanged,

Resolved, That the Chief Justice be requested to take into his consideration the case of the said Prisoners, and give his Opinion how far they are liable as Traitors or Pirates, and by what means they may be brought to Justice, distinguishing, if necessary, between the predicament of such as Joined the Enemy before the Declaration of Independence, the New Establishment of Civil Government, or any other Era he may judge material.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 12th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Urie.

A Letter from Monssieur Gerard was read, expressive of his perfect satisfaction with the steps taken by this Board in the Affair of Mr. Holker.

Resolved, That all the Papers and Letters which have passed between this Board, Mr. Gerard, and Mr. Holker, be transmitted

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to the Delagates of this State in Congress, for the Inspection of such of the Members of that Honourable Body as may think proper to Examine them.

Which was done accordingly.

Sundry Letters from the Honourable Colonel Smith and Colonel Hunter, dated Sunbury, August the third, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, were read, giving a particular account of the late devastations of the Enemy in that Quarter.

Ordered, That the same be forwarded to the Board of War, with the sense of this Board on the necessity of supporting a Body of Troops to keep up the communication with General Sullivan's Army; also taking notice of the complaints against this State and Neglect of the frontiers.

Which was accordingly done.

A Petition was presented by Charles Hurst, setting forth that for sundry reasons therein set forth, he was desirous to proceed to England, by the way of the West Indies or France, to settle his Private Affairs, and praying the permission and countenance of this Board therein.

Resolved, That he have permission accordingly.

A Letter from Mr. Dougherty, a Member of Assembly for Bedford County, setting forth the Necessity of attending to the road of communication to Fort Pitt, as a matter of Publick benefit.

Ordered, That the same be filed, and farther considered.

An address by sundry Gentlemen of Northampton County, to the President and Board, Expressive of their Satisfaction in the Administration of Government.

The President informed the Board that Michael Hillegas, Esquire, Continental Treasurer, had, pursuant to a resolution of Congress of the Fourteenth of January, delivered him three hundred Proof Sheets of the New Money to be dispersed thro' the State, for the better detection of Counterfiets. Which were brought into Council and ordered to be distributed, agreeable to the direction of Congress.

The President laid before the Board Orders he was about to Issue to the Lieutenant of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, to have the Militia practised in the common Evolutions, and particularly Loading and Firing; and prayed that Mr. Stiles might be directed to Issue for that purpose; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do Issue ammunition to the Battalions of this City and Liberties, for the above purpose, not exceeding thirty rounds each Man.

The President having represented that the Baron Steuben, Inspector of the Armies of these United States, had compiled a Treatise of Military discipline, which has been approved by Congress, and is now Practised in the Continental Army; That some parts thereof are well adapted to the use of the Militia; that he has

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made extracts of such parts, with a design to have the same Printed for the use of the Militia, if approved by this Board.

Resolved, That one thousand copies thereof be Printed immediately.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for twenty thousand pounds, for Purchasing the Enumerated articles for the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

On application of Daniel Gomez, on behalf of Daniel Gomez, Jun'r, for a pass to go into the City of New York, and also for leave to return,

Ordered, That his request be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Urie.

The Petition of Augustine Willet, of Bucks County, setting forth that he has filed a claim to the Fee of an House and Lott, advertised for sale by the Agents for forfieted Estates in Bucks County, as forfieted by Gilbert Hicks, and praying an Order to adjourn the said sale; and a certificate of the Chief Justice of the same being read,

Ordered, That Mr. Wall, Agent for Forfieted Estates in Bucks county, do adjourn the said sale 'till after the next Supreme Court.

A Letter from Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, of Westmoreland, dated Hanna's Town, July 24th, 1779, and the same being read,

Ordered, That John Jameson be appointed First Lieutenant of the company of Rangers commanded by Captain Erwin, and that Henry Armstrong be appointed Second Lieutenant of the said company, the said offices having become vacant by resignations; and that report of the said appointments be made to the Board of War.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

Sundry Muster rolls were laid before the Board by Mr. John Thompson, Commissary of Musters for the companies of Rangers and Militia on the Western Frontiers, of the following companies of Rangers and companies of Militia, to wit: Captains Joseph Irwin and Thomas Campbell, of the Rangers, And William Love, William Lochry, William Sanderson, James Floyd, Samuel Patton and Noah Abraham, of the Militia; And the same being read,

Ordered, That they be filed.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of three hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

A Letter from Mr. Holker was read, requesting an opportunity to communicate his powers, &ca.

Ordered, That Thursday, Eleven O'Clock, be appointed for that purpose.

A resolution of Congress, dated the Fourteenth Instant, was laid before the Board, requesting Two hundred Militia to be stationed at Sunbury, to protect the Stores, and preserve the Communication with General Sullivan's Army.

Ordered, That the same be Communicated to the Lieutenants of Lancaster and Cumberland, from whence Militia were lately ordered.

A Letter from the Honourable the Chief Justice was also read, containing his Sentiments on the Case of Persons who have left this State, and have been lately taken in Arms against it, referred to him on the Eleventh Instant, by which it appears that all those

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who did not, on the Eleventh of February, 1777, or since, owe any allegiance, are to be deemed Prisoners of War; But that those falling within that description, may be proceeded against as Traitors, on the act of Assembly entitled "An Act for Establishing Courts of Admiralty;" which opinion is ordered to be filed.

A Letter from David Harris, Prothonotary of Northumberland, Signifying his intention to reside in the country.

An Application from Benjamin G. Eyre, Mr. Turnbull and others, for leave to Search the River for Wrecks.

Ordered, To be Considered farther To-morrow.

A Letter from James Thompson, Esqr., Member of this Board, was also read, advising of some farther Purchases of Flour.

A Circular Letter from the Honourable the President of Congress was read, advising of a large reinforcement hourly expected by the Enemy at New York; That our Allies were much concerned at the langour and slowness of our preparations for the Campaign; recommending immediate and Vigorous Operations, more especially by filling up our Battalions, and having the Militia ready to March at the shortest Warning, it being highly probable they will soon be called forth to act offensively.

In the above Letter was also inclosed an Act of Congress respecting John Douglas, late Commander of a Privateer out of this Port, who, having been Condemned to pay a large Sum of Money to some subjects of his Most Christian Majesty, has absconded.

A Petition of Susanna Simmons to pass to New York, was also read, but not being recommended by any Person known to the Board, the same was not granted.

A Petition of the like nature from Mary Cussans, not granted for the same reason.

An Application from Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, of Westmoreland County, recommended by Mr. Scott and Mr. Reading, praying that he may be allowed for his services in raising Two Companies of Rangers, agreeable to the direction of General McIntosh.

Resolved, That this Board will favour the said application, and recommend the same to the Board of War, it appearing from the Circumstances Disclosed to be a Continental Concern.

A representation of the distressed state of Westmoreland by the said Mr. Reading was also read, and shewing reasons for allowing the Inhabitants Pay and rations while embodied for the support of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next Sessions, as proper for their consideration.

A Petition of Myer Hart, of Easton, Complaining of the Sheriff of the County of Northampton not Executing process directed to him by the Justices to remove a Tenant from his possession.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Courts of Law for his remedy in this case.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.

Resolved, On Consideration of the resolve of Congress received yesterday, that so much of the resolution of this Board of the Second Instant as requires the Lieutenants of Lancaster and Cumberland to proceed to a Second Class, if the First did not furnish Three hundred Men, be Countermanded and repealed, and that only one Class from each be called forth.

A Petition of Andrew Sponseller, Convicted in the Court of Quarter Sessions for York County of Two Felonies, praying a remission of the Punishment. The record of the Court and recommendations of the Justices being also read, and the same Considered. The petition was rejected.

A Petition of James McKee, representing that the Estate advertised by the Agents of Lancaster County as the Estate of Alexander McKee, an attainted Traitor, is the property of the Petitioner, and praying time to make good his Claim, which he has not hitherto been able to do by reason of sickness; And also praying that the Sale now Advertised on the Twenty-Fourth Instant, may be postponed till the Sitting of the Supreme Court; and having produced Sundry affidavits to prove the said fact,

Resolved, That the Agents for Lancaster County be directed to Postpone the Sale of the said Estate until after the next Supreme Court, at which time the Sale do proceed, unless the Claimants support their Claim agreeably to Law.

A Letter from Charles Hall, Esquire, setting forth that one John Donnelly was convicted at the General Quarter Sessions of Lancaster county, for felony; that he belongs to Count Pulaski's Corps, and is unable to pay the fine for which he is now confined; but the record of the Judgment not having accompanied the Letter, agreeable to a rule of this Board, it was not farther considered.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, Agent for the purchase of Flour for the use of the State, for thirty thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, for which he is accountable.

The application of Benjamin G. Eyre, and others, to Weigh the Wrecks and search the River for Sunken Goods, being again considered,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have the liberty desired, on the Terms as Persons who have obtained former permissions, viz: allowing the State one-fourth.

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The Honourable Mr. Thompson having informed this Board that agreeable to desire he had purchased about one hundred barrells of Flour for the use of the State, and requested Money may be sent him therefor.

Resolved, That an order do issue to Mr. Francis Bayley on the Treasurer, for the sum of Five thousand pounds, to be forwarded by him to Mr. Thompson as soon as possible.

The Petition of Elinor Kirchenschlaeger was read, setting forth that having been delivered of a Bastard Child, and the reputed Father having absconded, by which his Securities became liable, and have paid Two hundred pounds, the sum in which they were bound, to the Clerk of the Court, and praying that a part of it may be granted to enable her to support the child; the Justices of the Court having also recommended the same, and this Board having considered thereof,

Resolved, That the Money requested being now the property of the State, this Board have not authority to appropriate the same in the manner desired; therefore the said Petition was rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 19th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire Vice President.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Urie.

The Honourable Mr. Searle, of the Marine Committee of Congress, represents that Flour sufficient to fill up the vessels taking in Beef and Flour for the French Fleet, as allowed to be exported by Minute of July the thirty-first last, cannot be conveniently procured, and asks that ship-bread instead of part of the One thousand Barrells of Flour permitted, may be laden.

On consideration, the Council agree that ship-bread may be exported instead of Four within the extent of One thousand Barrells, as aforesaid.

The Memorial of Sarah Growden, Widow of Lawrence Growden, Esquire, late of Bucks county, deceased, setting forth that her claim to an Annuity by Will, charged on the decedent's real estate, and her right of Dower, had been allowed by the Judges of the Supreme Court, and that an order of valuation of said Growden's real estate, made with intent to sett out to her a part of said Estate, in Satisfaction of the same Claim and Dower during her life; said Memo-

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rial being accompanied with a paper said to be a Copy of the return of said order, praying that Three tracts of Land lying in Bucks county, supposed to be nearly equivalent to her said Claim, may not be sold on Monday the Twenty-third Instant, as advertised by the Agents for Forfieted Estates, untill the said Judges may meet and Decree in the Premisses.

On consideration, Council direct Mr. Wall, Agent for Forfieted Estates in Bucks county, to adjourn the sale of said Three Tracts named Belmont, Richlieu and Kingsplace, untill the end of the next Term of the Supreme Court.

A Petition of Andrew Right, praying leave to go to Scotland, which was granted, on giving security agreeable to the rule established by this Board.

A Memorial from Mr. Thompson, Pay Master and Mustermaster to the Rangers, praying Cloathing from the State store.

Ordered, That he be permitted the same benefits in this respect as the Officers of that Corps; the Power of this Board not extending farther.

A Petition from Catherine Ebert, to pass to New York to recover her Patrimony, recommended by the Honourable Mr. Muhlenberg.

Resolved, That she have permission, giving Security in Five hundred pounds, not to return without leave.

A Letter from the Honourable the Sieur Gerard, inclosing a copy of his Commission as Consul-General, in order that the same may be registered by the Secretary, which being read; were

Ordered, To be filed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Thompson, Master and Paymaster of the Rangers raised by order of Congress, in March last, or his order, for the sum of Six thousand pounds, for paying the said Rangers, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Tricket, for the sum of fifty-six pounds four shillings, the amount of his two accounts for two reams of Paper and Sundries.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Petition of Michael Teter, a disabled Soldier, being laid before the Board, and the Laws of the State being considered, it appears that a disabled Soldier, who is thereby become incapable of getting a livelihood, shall receive during his life, or the continuance of such disability, the one-half of his Monthly pay and half rations. And in order to avail himself thereof, he is to make ap-

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plication to a Justice of the Peace, and produce a Certificate from the commanding officer of his corps at the time he became disabled, setting forth the Name, Rank, Regiment, and Company to which such disabled persons belonged, the nature of his disability, the time and circumstances thereof. And then the said Justice is to call two reputable Freeholders of the neighbourhood, who shall carefully Inspect the said certificate, the state and condition of the Person so applying, and the same being found Genuine, the said majestrate and Freeholders shall adjust and settle the Monthly pay which the Bearer of such Certificate is entitled to, not exceeding half pay and half rations. And the Justice of the Peace and Freeholders are then to Transmit the original certificate and order to the Recorder of the county, to be registered in a Book. The Treasurer of the State Tax, to whom such Certificate so sealed is shewn, is then to pay Monthly the sum therein directed. And the Recorder at every Quarter Sessions is to have the original certificates and orders by them filed, and deliver the same to the Treasurer, who shall keep them as vouchers to his account with the Committee of Assembly, and within sixty days after Transmit a fair and regular report to the Secretary of Congress or Board of War. No pensioner is to assign his Pension for any consideration, except Maintaining the Pensioner during his life; and all such contracts to be made before a Justice of the Peace and Overseers of the poor, and security given; Wherefore,

Resolved, That a copy of the above be delivered the Petitioner, and he be desired to pursue the course therein prescribed, as the proper mode to obtain suitable and lasting relief.

The Petition of Susanna Simmons, to pass to New York, was read, and the Petitioner being recommended by several Gentlemen of Character, a pass was ordered, on giving security not to return.

The Petition of Elizabeth Stewart, to pass to New York, was read, and Petitioner being recommended as above, a pass was ordered, on giving security not to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 21st August, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourble George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of Five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

The Petition of John Rein, attainted of High Treason, praying some indulgence with respect to the Estate,

Resolved, That the Conduct and Circumstances of the Petitioner do not entitle him to any indulgence from this Board; therefore, the Petition is rejected.

A Petition from Reynold Keen, praying that the sale of his Estate may be postponed, for the reasons therein set forth,

Ordered, That the same be considered on Tuesday next.

A Petition from Captain McGinley, praying that he may be allowed Eight Dollars ℔ day for his company while in Garrison, was read, and also a representation of Colonel Bull's thereon.

Resolved, That Colonel Hart and Mr. Mackey be a committee of this Board to hear the matter, and make report.

A Letter wrote to the Justices of the city, in answer to their application respecting the Nuisances of the Markett.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 23d August, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.
Mr. Reed,	

A Letter was read from the President of Congress, dated the Twenty-second Instant, informing this Board that the Honourable the Sieur Gerard had laid before Congress a Commission from his Most Christian Majesty, appointing him Consul-General of France in the United States of America, with power to appoint Consuls and Vice Consuls, and that in virtue thereof he had, on the fifteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, appointed the Seiur John Holker Inspector General of the commerce and Manufactures of France, to be Consul in the Ports of this State; and that on the Nineteenth of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, he did appoint the Seiur Martin Oster to be Vice Consul of France in the said Ports. All which had been made known and approved by Congress, and the said commissions Registered in the Secretary's Office.

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Soon after which the said Consul and Vice Consul were introduced to this Board and produced the several appointments, which being read, were approved by the Board; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Minute be published, and that all officers, Civil and Military, and all other the Faithfull Inhabitants of this State, and others, be and they are hereby directed to respect the said officers accordingly.

A Letter from Colonel Broadhead, dated August 3d, 1779, with sundry inclosures respecting the Frontiers, was read; and

Ordered, To be communicated to Congress.

A Petition from Mary Cussans, was read, praying, for the reasons therein given, she may be permitted to go into New York.

A Like Petition from Mary Gunnerson was read and granted; they giving security in Five hundred pounds each, not to return to this State without permission.

A Petition from Ernst Ludowick Baish, praying a passport to go to St. Eustatia, and from thence to Germany, on private Business.

Ordered, That the same be granted.

Samuel Williamson, late Chaplain to the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Colonel Moylan, being about to go to Europe to prosecute his studies, and desirous to have some Testimonial from this Board, and the President having personal knowledge of the said Mr. Williamson,

Ordered, That a certificate be made out under the Lesser Seal of the State, certifying the office and service of the said Mr. Williamson, and recommending him to the kindness and notice of the Civil and Military officers of any State to which he may go, in amity with these States.

The Honourable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, having on account of his Public office under Congress, by which a great number of Publick Papers, Money, and other things, are in his custody, requested that the sale of the house he now lives in, confiscated to the use of the State, may be postponed 'till he can be accommodated,

Ordered, That the Agents for forfeited Estates be directed to postpone the sale thereof 'till Mr. Hopkinson can provide himself, not exceeding three months.

A Petition of John Marshall, proposing to set up a Manufactory of Thread, was read.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be informed the Establishing of Publick Manufactories has been found Inconvenient. That this Board will give him any Private encouragement, but cannot assist him otherwise.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 24th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

Mr. Searle, one of the Delegates of this State in Congress, having laid before this Board an act of that Honourable Body, by which they have recommended the continuance of the embargo on Provisions, which will, by the Law of this State, expire on the first of September,

Resolved, That by virtue of the Constitutional powers vested in this Board, the embargo be continued to the Twentieth day of September next, by which time the Honourable the General Assembly of the State will meet and have an opportunity to take the said recommendation into consideration,

And that a Proclamation do issue for the continuance of the said Embargo to the Twentieth of September next, accordingly.

Resolved, That the above be Published immediately, for the Information of the Trading Interest.

A Petition from John Rankin, of York county, setting forth that he holds a part of the confiscated Estate of James Rankin, of said county, under certain articles and covenants; that his claim is of such a nature as cannot be settled in the usual mode before the Justices of the Supreme Court, and praying that persons may be appointed to Liquidate and adjust the same previous thereto; Whereupon,

The same being considered, it is

Resolved, That the Agents for confiscated Estates in York county do nominate suitable persons for the above purpose, and that the Petitioner be directed to lay his demands and proofs before them, and an adjustment being made, he be advised to adopt the same as his claim, and present it to the Justices of the Supreme court for their allowance; and that it is the opinion of the Board that the expenses attending it shou'd be defrayed, one-half by the State, and the other half by the Petitioner; and it appearing by the said Petition that the said Covenants do not affect the Title, the Agents are directed to proceed in the sale with all convenient dispatch.

A petition of John Egan, praying to be removed from his present service under Captain Martin, in the State Navy, to some other Vessell.

Ordered, That the said Petition be sent to Captain Boys, who is directed to do what is proper therein

A Letter from the Sheriff of York County was read, inclosing one hundred and seventy-six pounds, collected as Fines in said

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County, and sent down in consequence of some misunderstanding between the Prothonotary and him.

Resolved, That William Mitchell, Esquire, the bearer of the said Letter, be directed to pay the same Money to the State Treasurer.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.

Colonel Hart and Mr. Mackey having made a report of the matter referred to them between Colonel Bull and Captain McGinley, and it appearing that Carpenters and other Mechanicks who have worked at the Fortifications have been satisfied with Philadelphia Price, deducting the value of the diet; that the charges are made at the highest rates given for Continental Service, and that if this allowance shou'd be made, all the other Workmen will not only claim it in future, but also for what is past.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board that there cannot be any difference made between Persons employed in similar service, and equally deserving. And that Colonel Bull do therefore settle the account on Terms equally advantageous as any other persons whatever, but not farther.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hambright, Esquire, for the sum of six thousand pounds, to be forwarded by him to Thomas Jordan, Paymaster of Militia for Northumberland County, for which said Jordan is to be accountable.

A Petition having been some time ago presented by Joseph Greswold, in favour of his father, attainted, and praying a Pardon, on the circumstances suggested in the said Petition, the same was sent to Captain Heysham, requesting that he wou'd make enquiry into the circumstances, and report thereon; which being now done, and it appearing that Joseph Greswold the Elder, has been a resident of this State, paid Taxes as such, and is also a Person of disaffected character,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be not granted.

An application being made by Captain William Armstrong for the sum of five thousand pounds, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour for the said sum, for paying the Workmen employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

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Information having been given to this Board that there are Quantities of Wheat in several Mills about Lancaster, and the same being now much wanted for the use of the State,

Resolved, That William Henry, of Lancaster, be requested to purchase the same, and cause it to be Manufactured into Merchantable Flour, fit for exportation, and that this Board will supply him with Moneys therefor, from time to time, as occasion may require.

Resolved, That Christopher Marshall, Esquire, of Lancaster, be requested to assist Mr. Henry in procuring the said Wheat, and that it be recommended to the said Gentlemen, in case any difficulties are made therein, to impress the same agreeable to the Laws of the State; and that the said Gentlemen be acquainted, that it being designed to have the returns of the said Flour in Salt, for Publick use, they will inform the Board, in case any wheat or Flour shou'd be procured out of said County, in order that on a distribution of the Salt, due regard be paid to the Persons and counties from whom the Flour and Wheat is procured.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 26th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Urie.
Mr. Read,	

Sundry Letters from Colonel Broadhead to the Board of War, and communicated by them, were read.

Also, a Letter from Colonel Hubley, dated fourteenth of August, giving an account of the Transactions of the Army under General Sullivan.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Fuller, auditors of accounts, attended the Board, and gave a Narrative of their proceedings with Mr. Savadge, and also brought with them the Deeds of the Land purchased then for the use of the State.

Ordered, That the same be kept, and the state of the Salt works be communicated to the Honourable the General Assembly.

A Letter from the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of that Body, recommending a Provision to be made for the officers and soldiers of the Army, and also for the Widows and children of those who have fallen in the Contest.

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The following Persons were Prisoners in the Goal of this City, having Petitioned to go on Board the Confederacy Frigate; and the Board taking the same into consideration,

Resolved, That a free Pardon be made out for them for the Fines due to the State, upon the Condition of their serving the United States.

And an order was drawn to the Goaler to deliver them to Captain Hardy, of the said ship, with this Condition, that the State be at no expence whatever on their account.

Andrew Darcus,
Roger Kennedy,
Joseph Browne,
John Kennedy, } Larceny.

John Moore,
John Williams,
John McGomery,
Philip Prosser, } Grand Larceny.

Fran's McLaughlin, Highway Robbery.

Abraham Fielding,
John Hunt, } Petit Larceny.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 27th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Urie.

Petition from Michael Reinhard, of Lancaster, praying to be paid for a Horse which met with an accident in the service of this Board.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be deferred 'till the Vice President returns to Council.

A Petition of John Haynes, an Englishman, praying to be permitted to pass to New York, and to return to England with his family.

Resolved, That the said pass cannot be granted, but that he be recommended to go by way of the West Indies.

An application was made by the Honourable Mr. Holker, requesting that this Board wou'd endeavour to procure him two thousand Barrells of good Merchantable Flour.

Ordered, That the same be further considered.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 28th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Read,

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster, for his order, the sum of four thousand pounds, for paying the Militia late at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Mackey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Urie.

A Letter was read from Captain Montgomery in Answer to Mr. Holker's application, representing that there is no such Person as Vincent De Ford in the State Ship; That Francis Fluery has been long discharged, and receiv'd his share of Prize Money; which answer was transmitted to Mr. Holker.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin for the Sum of Twelve thousand pounds, for purchasing Rum, Tea, Sugar, &c., for the State Fleet and the Militia stationed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable John Mackey, for the Sum of Five hundred Dollars, in part of his Wages as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A Petition from Edward Fitzrandolph for a pass to go to the lines to endeavour to receive his Negro

Ordered, That a Pass be given him to go to Elizabethtown.

A Petition was read from James Pannel, praying a remission of a Fine imposed on Jonathan Smith, a Horse Stealer, setting forth also that he had taken the said Felon out of Goal to work, and that he had run away.

Resolved, That the Imprisonment of six months being a part of the Punishment by Law, the Criminal should not have been taken out until the same was inflicted, or the party Pardoned:

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That it does not appear that he has suffered any Punishment; that therefore, the Board cannot Countenance such discharges as the present, by remitting the Fine.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Urie, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Read.
Mr. Hambright,	

A Letter from Mr. Wilkinson, Clothier General of the States, was read, inclosing one from the Board of War, signifying their desire that effectual Measures may be taken by the State to provide Clothing for the Troops, and particularly Hats, Blankets, Shoes and Stockings; which being read and considered,

Resolved, That Colonel Hart and Mr. Hambright be a Committee to visit the State Store, inspect the Quantity and Condition of the Cloth therein, and make report what will be proper to be done with the Cloth, and how far the above recommendation may be executed with the present stock.

A Letter from Governor Livingston, and sundry Affidavits respecting one Thomas Burney, who had been detected in Counterfeit Money, and made his escape.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

WHEREAS, In the present scarcity of Salt, the holders of that article, in order to give satisfaction to the Inhabitants, have agreed to give up the same to this Board, so that it may be distributed in fair and reasonable proportions, to Town and Country;

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County be requested to take the same into his immediate Care, and take such Measures for its security as he may think necessary, by employing suitable Persons to attend the Stores where the said Salt is kept, or otherwise, as he may think proper; And it is earnestly recommended to the Inhabitants to aid and assist the Sheriff in this service when called upon by him, and to avoid any Tumult or disorder. This Board doth also request that Militia officers and others would forbear the use of Fire Arms on such occasions, as having a tendency to alarm and distress many of their fellow Citizens.

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In Council

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 1st, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable Mr. Hart, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Hambright,

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie, and
Mr. Hambright, Colonel Smith.

Mr. Isaac Melchin attended the Council, and represented that he had applied to one of the Agents of Forfieted Estates, and offered to pay him the purchase Money of a ground Rent due to the State, as being Forfieted by Andrew Allen, on an Estate in Possession of him, the said Melchin, which the Agents had agreed to receive, if this Council shou'd approve of the same.

On Consideration, Mr. Melchior was informed that for Various and Cogent reasons, the Council declined interfering on the subject, the same being properly Cognizable before a Court and Jury.

A Letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Williams, of the Third Pennsylvania Battalion, dated Westpoint, August 25th, 1779, inclosing the proceedings of a Board of Field Officers on the Claim of Captain Lieutenant Henderson, and a list of Promotions in the said Regiment, dated August the 15th, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, as follows, viz.:

Captain-Lieutenant Henderson to be Captain, vice Captain Craig, Resigned June 1st, 1779, is to Rank by a determination of a Board of Field officers from 12th of May.

Lieutenant Marshall to be Captain, vice Captain Riely, return'd absent without leave, June 18th, 1779.

Lieutenant Boyd to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Marshall, promoted, and Lieutenant King, left out of the Regiment, June 23d, 1779.

Ensign Fullerton to be Lieutenant, vice Henderson, promoted.

Ensign Wigton to be Lieutenant, vice Marshall, promoted.

Ensign Smith to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd, promoted.

Henry Brower appointed Ensign July 4th, 1779.

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Thereupon,

Ordered, That the following officers be promoted in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, vizt: Captain-Lieutenant Henderson, vice Craig, resigned June 1st, 1779, to rank according to a determination of a Board of Field officers, from the Twelfth of May last.

Lieutenant Marshall to be Captain, vice Captain Riely, returned absent without leave, July Eighteenth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Lieutenant Boyd to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Marshall, promoted, and Lieutenant King, left out of the Regiment, June 23d, 1779

Ensign Fullerton to be Lieutenant, vice Henderson, promoted.

Ensign Wigton to be Lieutenant, vice Marshall, promoted.

Ensign Smith to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd, promoted.

And that Henry Brower to be appointed Ensign, the appointment to be as of the 25th of August last.

Ordered, That the following promotions and appointments be made in the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, vizt:

Promotions.—First Lieutenant Isaac Van Horn to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Captain-Lieutenant William McElhatton, resigned, July the 1st, 1779.

Second Lieutenant John Markland to be first Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Isaac Van Horn, promoted, July the 1st, 1779.

Appointments.—Serjeant Major Sankey Dixon to be Ensign.

Mr. John Humphrey, Volunteer, to be Ensign.

Both these appointments to be as of the Twenty-fifth of August last.

A Letter from Captain Herman Stout, dated Westpoint, August 25th, 1779; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the accounts left by Lieutenant Philip Gibbons with the Honourable James Read, Esq'r, be sent to Captain Stout.

The letter from his Excellency Governor Livingston, enclosing sundry affidavits representing that one Thomas Burney, alias Thomas Johnson, who has been detected in the said State passing counterfeit Money; that two of his accomplices had been secured, but the principal had made his escape, was again resumed.

The Honourable Colonel Smith having also this day produced an affidavit to the same effect, and two of the Counterfeit bills passed by the said Burney, and there being great reason to believe that the said Burney is now lurking in or about Paxtang Township, Lancaster county.

Resolved, That a reward of Five hundred Dollars be offered for apprehending the said Thomas Burney, and that the faithfull Inhabitants of the said county be earnestly requested to exert themselves in apprehending and securing the said offender, so that he

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may be brought to Justice, and that this Board will also pay all reasonable expenses which may accrue in this service.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 3d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Mr. Urie, and
Mr. Hambright,	Colonel Smith.

A Petition by the Trustees of a German Congregation at Manheim, praying a Brief to Collect Money for a Church.

Resolved, That the granting Briefs may be attended with Inconveniencies, and therefore, this Board will not go into the practice; but that the President be desired to inform the Petitioners there is no law to prevent their collecting donations from well disposed People; that therefore, they are at full Liberty to avail themselves thereof, if they think proper.

A Letter from Mr. Holker, advising that Mr. Penet, a French Merchant, has one thousand Bushells of Salt which he will let the State have for Four hundred Barrels of Flour.

Resolved, That the President do thank Mr. Holker for his service therein, but the Terms appear too high.

A Letter from the Board of War was read, making a demand of one hundred Militia for the Guard of the Prisoners in this Town, and also praying a continuance of the Militia Guard at Lancaster.

Resolved, That it will be highly Inconvenient to the State to comply with the requests of the Board of War in this instance, and that a Conference be requested, in order to explain sundry matters, previous to a farther consideration of this matter; and such a letter was accordingly wrote.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Hart,	Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Urie.
Mr. Hambright,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Bradford, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, for paying the officers and Men of the State Fleet, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, for the sum of three hundred pounds, for repairing Arms for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, of September the second, inclosing one from Jeremiah Wadsworth, Esquire, Commissary General, setting forth the deficiency of the Army in Flour, and praying the assistance of this Board; whereupon, the same being considered,

Resolved, That Colonel Smith and Mr. Read be a committee to Confer with Colonel Blaine, Deputy Commissary, and report to this Board the result thereof on Monday next, in order that an answer may be given, and such further Measures taken as the case may require.

A return of an Election of Justices for Bethel Township, Bedford County, by which it appears that Moses Read had twenty-two votes, and Samuel Greaves Nine.

Resolved, That Moses Read be appointed and commissioned accordingly.

A Letter from the Board of War, representing that sundry of the wives of the soldiers had drawn rations, which was lately stopped by their Board, and recommending them to the favour of this Council for some provision.

Resolved, That the said letter be communicated to the Honourable House of Assembly.

A Letter from General Washington, dated Twenty-sixth day of August, was read, inclosing a List of sundry officers of this State who had violated their parole, and praying that suitable Measures may be taken to compel their return.

Resolved, That a list of the said officers be forwarded to the Lieutenants of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Lancaster, Northumberland, and York Counties, and that they be severally requested to signify to the said officers in the respective Counties, that they must immediately repair to the Commissary of Prisoners at Princetown, or to head quarters, or in failure thereof their names will be publickly advertised, and other steps taken to enforce a compliance with the request of the Commander in Chief. That the said officers be also requested, in case of the death or other impracticability of return, to cause the same to be duly notified to this Board or the Commissary of Prisoners.

A Letter from Colonel Elder, of Lancaster county, inclosing his commission as a sub-Lieutenant of the said county.

Resolved, That the same be return'd to Mr. Elder, and that he be informed that his resignation at this time will be attended with great inconvenience, and requesting him to postpone the same to a more convenient time.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, 1779, Monday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Urie.
Mr. Hambright, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, Town Major, or his Order, for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, in part of his pay, for which He is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable James Read, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated twenty-sixth of August, representing the state of the Cloathing of the Army, and the necessity of an immediate attention thereto, especially in the articles of Blankets, Shirts, Shoes, and Hats; and also the case of the officers.

A Letter from the same, dated thirtieth of August, respecting a supply of Provisions to be sent to Wyoming, for General Sullivan's Army.

A Letter from Major Moore, of the Thirtieth Ult., informing that in consequence of the Promotion of General Irwine, on the Twelfth of May, William Lusk, Esquire, Captain Lieutenant, is intitled to a commission of Captain in the Seventh Regiment, and that Lieutenant Samuel Kennedy is intitled to the commission of Captain Lieutenant in the same Regiment.

Ordered, That the said officers be appointed, and the Board of War requested to issue commissions accordingly.

The Petition of William Call, of Germantown, and Mathias Stimmell, being read, it appears that the Petitioners became sureties for a Christopher Call, charged with felony, who has absconded, and it is prayed to supercede the proceedings upon the said Recognizance.

Resolved, That the same wou'd be of Bad Publick consequence, but that if the Petitioners can deliver up the said Christopher Call, this Board will consider the Petition further.

Leonard Bowles, Esquire, of the Bahama Islands, having signified his intentions of removing from thence to this State, and residing here, and praying that this Board wou'd grant him such protection as may be necessary; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Citizens of this State, and others, to receive the said Leonard Bowles, and treat him kind-

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ty, he conforming to the Laws of the State and behaving well therein.

The case of Caleb Hill being again considered, and a record of the conviction being now sent,

Ordered, That the Fine imposed on him for the State be remitted, and that the other parts of his Sentence being complied with, he be delivered up to Lieutenant Jones, to be forwarded to the Regiment to which he belongs.

A Letter from the Board of War was read, in answer to that wrote on Friday last, respecting the Militia.

Resolved, That they be requested to meet the Council to-morrow evening at six o'clock, at the State House, to confer with them on the matters contained in said Letter, and sundry others.

A Letter from Mr. John Carothers, Lieutenant, and Mr. Gregory, Sub-Lieutenant of Cumberland County, repeating their requests of resigning, and giving an account of their proceedings on the last orders of Council for calling out Militia.

A Letter from Mr. McClean, of York Town, giving an account of the proceedings of a court of Oyer and Terminer at Bedford; also, the proceedings of committees at York Town, and requesting to be excused a farther attendance at Bedford.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Hambright, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his Pay, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Urie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Thomas Urie, Esquire, for the sum of three hundred and ten pounds and seven shillings, the amount of his pay as a Member of this Board from the seventh day of June last to this day, at three pounds ℔ day, and Mileage of four hundred and eighteen Miles, at one shilling and six pence ℔ Mile.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Joseph Hart, or his order, the sum of four hundred pounds, in part of his Pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

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A Letter was read from Mr. Holker, requesting an answer to his demand of Two Thousand Barrells of Flour, and signifying his intention to apply for two thousand more.

Resolved, That the President do inform Mr. Holker of the difficulties attending the same, but to assure him everything will be done that our present circumstances will admit.

The Letter of Colonel Carothers, Lieutenant, and Mr Gregory, Sub-Lieutenant of Cumberland County, being again considered,

Resolved, That their resignations be accepted, and their Letters be forwarded to the Honourable House of Assembly, at the same time informing them of this acceptance, and requesting that suitable successors may be appointed

The Attorney General having answered the Queries proposed to him on the twenty-fifth of July,

Resolved, That the Queries and answer be Transmitted to the House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Colonel Hart and Colonel Smith.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Sept'r 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Reed, Colonel Smith.

Messieurs Peters and Pickering, from the Honourable Board, having met this Board in conference on the state of Cloathing of the Army and the call for Militia, and the same being fully discussed, it appears that this cannot depend upon the Continental supply for more than one-third, except in the article of oats, which they reckon at two-thirds. But that in the article of Hats, Blankets, Shoes, and Shirts, the full Exertions of the State will be

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necessary. That the state of the Invalid Regiment, being the only Garrison Troops, is such that it is Inadequate to the duties of the city.

Resolved, That the request of the Board of War, for a Militia Guard, be complied with for the city and its environs.

Secondly, That the Call of Militia for Guards at Lancaster will be attended with ruinous Consequences to the Militia there, if complied with; that, therefore, the Board of War be requested to supply that post from the Troops under their Command in this City, and that an additional Number of Militia be called out, if necessary, to replace them, upon the Board of War making the Requisition:

And Whereas, the putting this whole duty upon the City Militia, is attended with Inconveniences to the publick, by taking many useful Mechanicks from the publick Work; Wherefore

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Militia be called upon to relieve those in actual Service. This Board having represented to the Board of War the very discouraging and destitute state of the County Militia, as to Arms and Ammunition.

Resolved, That the Board of War be requested to accommodate the State with a Loan of Arms, agreeable to the return made by the County Lieutenant, and also one Ton of Powder, for which the State will account.

The demand for Cloathing being also Considered, and the Board being anxious to Comply with the same, find that, by a resolve of Congress, dated May the Twenty-eighth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, which has not been annulled, they are requested to make no more Purchases.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board that, unless the said resolve shou'd be Vacated or relaxed, it may at a future day be objected to the accounts the State may furnish thereupon.

Resolved, That if the Exertions of the State are depended on for the supply of the Pennsylvania Troops, it will be convenient and prejudicial to the State for the Continental Commissary of Cloathing to make Purchases of the same articles, untill the State Cloathier has compleated his; that competitions of this kind have always proved pernicious; That this Board, therefore, cannot engage a full Compliance, unless this previous Measure is adopted, but will do what is in their power to answer all just expectation.

Mr. Morris and Colonel Lollar, a Committee from the Honourable the House of Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Board that the House was now met, and ready to proceed on such business as the Council shall think proper to lay before them.

The following address of this Council to the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania being read, was approved; and thereupon

Ordered, That the said Message be signed by his Excellency the President, and laid before the House by the Secretary.

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Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

It is with the greatest satisfaction We congratulate you upon the various successes which have distinguished the Period of your recess. While the most consummate Bravery and discipline have Marked the enterprises of our Troops by Land, Glory and Victory have attended those of our Allies by Sea, successes which at once reflect the highest Honour upon themselves and the respective Nations, and Afford the fairest prospect of speedy Tranquility and peace.

When, to these happy events, we add the accession of another great and foreign Power to the Interests of America, and that the Year has been Crowned with a most plentiful Harvest, we cannot but admire and acknowledge the favour and goodness of Providence. In short, nothing seems left us to wish but a revival of that Public Spirit and Virtue, which shone with so much Lustre in the early days of this Contest, and which seems now necessary for the restoration of Publick Credit, and the relief of our suffering Frontiers. To both these objects, we must request your immediate and unremitted attention, and to this end shall now lay before you sundry resolutions of the Honourable the Congress, for calling in large sums of the present emissions. We esteem ourselves happy in the reflection, that no steps for the Security of the exposed Counties were omitted by us. The most Seasonable orders for stationing a Body of Militia, and also raising Five Companies of Rangers, were issued, and every supply required has been sent without delay. That the orders for the Militia were not punctually Complied with in some Counties, and in others wholly neglected, is what we have great reason to lament; at the same time, that we think it well deserving of serious enquiry, that due praise may be given to those who merit it. We cannot but deem such self-Exemptions from Publick Duty as Tending to a Criminal relaxation of the Bonds of Society, and a departure from the Duties of a well regulated Government. All the Papers will now be laid before you, from which you will observe that, disappointed in the Expected aid, the Frontier Inhabitants have formed themselves into Companies and associations for defence, in the Course of which Expenses have been contracted, which, if they appear in the same light to you as they have done to us, you will not hesitate to discharge, and thus encourage them to continue as a Barrier to the more improved and settled Counties. How far the revisal and Collecting the Militia Law, with its various supplements, into one Compleat system, will tend to remedy the like evils in future, we submit to your Consideration. The necessity of Supporting a well regulated Militia, we think, is Confirmed by every day's obser-

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vation and experience; and while the Enemy is receiving reinforcements with the avowed purpose of desolating the Country, we deem it a Measure highly necessary your attention, as well as that of every Friend to the Freedom and Interests of the State.

The Generous resolutions of your Honourable House at the last Sessions, for the relief of the Army and the Fleet, and which we have Executed with our best Judgment and attention, have had the most happy effects in conciliating the affections and respect of those brave and valuable Men, and cementing a Friendship between the Civil and Military powers, highly honourable to both and beneficial to all. We wou'd recommend the Cloathing them with the sanction of Law, as a Measure pleasing to them and perfectly consonant to the views of the House. We conceive nothing now remains on this subject but to make some early and suitable provision as a reward for their Dangers, Sacrafices and Fatigues, to enable them to return to civil Life, with honour and advantage, when their Military Services may be no longer Necessary, and we hope a mode may be devised for this purpose not oppressive or Burthensome to the Farmer or Tradesman, and yet satisfactory to them.—The Honor reflected on the State by General Wayne and the Troops of the Pennsylvania Line, during this Campaign, wou'd have attracted our immediate acknowledgment, if the approach of your Sessions had not inclined us to wait your concurrence, that the Marks of our attention might be more proportionate to the service they have done, and the glory they have acquired.

We also, Gentlemen, most earnestly recommend to you to proceed in the great business of the Proprietary estates, at least so far as to give the next Assembly an opportunity to put the finishing hand to this important and necessary work.

The experience of Mankind, the Practice of other Countries and Nations, the Sentiments of the Greatest Writers on Government, and even our own observation during this great Contest, in which the various principles which govern the Human Mind have been drawn forth into view and action, we think fully demonstrate that neither the Peace, Liberty or Safety of Pennsylvania, can be deemed secure, while this powerfull Interest attached in all its branches to the powers we have abjured and abandoned, is permitted to retain its full force and influence among us. At present the subject is disentangled from all other considerations of a Publick nature. Shou'd it, by delay, mingle itself with the Negotiations of a General Peace, we may long Lament, and posterity will Justly blame our Indolence or Timidity, which has lost the precious opportunity of rescuing this State from one of the appendages of its former Bondage, and placing it on the same equal Level of Liberty, interest, tranquility, and Indepeudence, with its Sister States. The Safety of the People is the Supreme and Pre-eminent Law and Bond of Society, and when, as in the present case, this can be se-

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cured consistent with the rights of Private Justice, we shou'd hold ourselves inexcusable if we did not express our Sentiments with Freedom, and assure you that the General expectation and voice of the People, so far as our knowledge extends, concurs with them.

The Constitution of this State, with a wisdom and foresight which does honor to its Framers, having considered the education of Youth as a matter of great importance to the interests of Society, and order of Government; we have been led to an enquiry into the nature and Government of those Institutions which at present subsist. It is with concern we observe a general neglect of this great Duty, both in Town and Country, while the growing attention of other States invites the Youth from this, and must produce effects equally repugnant to Publick benefit and private convenience.

The principal institution in this State, founded on the most free and Catholic principles, raised and cherished by the hand of Public Bounty, appears by its charter to have allied itself so closely to the Government of Britain, by making the allegiance of its Governors to that State a Pre-requisite to any official Act, that it might well have been presumed they wou'd have sought the aid of Government for an establishment consistent with the revolution, and conformable to the great changes of Polocy and Government.

But whatever have been the Motives, we cannot think the good People of this State can or ought to rest satisfied, or the protection of Government be extended to an institution framed with such manifest attachment to the British Government, and conducted with a General inattention to the authority of the State.

The influence of a seat of learning upon the peace and good order of Government, have, we think, been too fully exemplified in the country from which we have seperated, to permit any well regulated State to neglect or overlook it.

How far there has been any deviation from the liberal ground of its first establishment, and a Pre-eminence given to some societies, in prejudice to others equally Meritorious, the former enquiries of Your Honourable House will enable you to determine; for us, it is sufficient to declare, that as learning or science are of no party or sect, we wish to see them promoted on the most liberal principles, giving to all denominations of Christians equal rights and Priviledges.

As Corporations compose a species of Internal Government, in all great changes they have been considered as objects of Public attention and care, that their subordination, obedience, and support to the Supreme and Governing Powers of the State, might be secured and preserved. This is a Just and necessary Polocy we think, worthy of imitation, as the object of the Institution, whether Civil, Religious, or Charitable, may at the same time remain inviolate.

The Law for prohibiting the exportation of Provisions having expired on the first Instant, we thought proper to continue the Em-

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bargo untill the Twentieth of this Month, that in the Interval Your Honourable House might take this subject into consideration —a subject of very great importance to the commercial, as well as General Interest of the State.

The Public Highways, Gentlemen, will also require your care and attention; the laws respecting them are expired by their own limitation, and the present Condition of the roads is too well known to make it necessary for us to enlarge upon the duty and propriety of making a suitable provision on this head.

We must also recommend to your consideration the officers of Government. However Generous or adequate the Provision for their support, when called forth by you or the People to the discharge of Public duty, you must be sensible that the accumulated prices of all the necessaries of life since that time must make their situation very distressing; and that instead of "a reasonable compensation when called to Publick Service, to the prejudice of their private affairs," which the Constitution declares to be a right, they must lessen their private property, and sink into Poverty and distress. As the People of this State have in every period exhibbitted a Noble and exemplary Generosity in support of Government, it cannot be doubted they will, in this case, answer every Just and reasonable expectation.

In Conformity to the Laws of this State, and your desire, we have proceeded to the sale of the Confiscated estates, and have the satisfaction to acquaint you that the sums arising therefrom are so considerable as to afford a great relief to the good People of the State from their Public Burthens; and that the ship which, under your resolves, we fitted out for defence of the Trade of the State, has not only answered that important end, but has been so successfull as in a great Measure to Compensate the expense of the undertaking.

Our anxiety to perpetuate and extend the Blessings of Freedom, and enlarge the circle of humanity, Induce us to remind you of the Bill for emancipating the Children born of Negro and Mulatto Parents. We wish to see you give the compleat sanction of Law to this noble and generous purpose, and adorn the annals of Pennsylvania with this bright display of Justice and publick Virtue.

Thus, Gentlemen, having laid before you a general state of our Publick affairs, nothing remains but to assure you of our cheerfull concurrence and assistance where requisite to facilitate and promote the discharge of Your Public Duties, and express our confidence in your Wisdom, Prudence, and dispatch.

JOSEPH REED, President.

The Papers accompanying, and referred to in the above Message, were then read, and ordered to lie on the Table for consideration.

A Letter was wrote to General Washington, in answer to his several favours of the Twenty-sixth and Thirty-first of August and Second of September.

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A Petition from sundry Persons, Inhabitants of Cocolico Township, Lancaster County, complaining of the conduct of the Quarter Masters, commissarys, &ca., at that post.

In answer to which, a letter was wrote, desiring them to state particular charges, and authenticate them by affidavit, &ca.

The Board resumed the consideration of the complaint against Doctor Potts, for misapplying the Publick Waggons; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That a copy of the affidavit thereon be Transmitted to Doctor Potts, and that it be not laid before Congress untill the Doctor have an opportunity to make an answer to this Board, if he shall think proper so to do.

A Letter was receiv'd from Mr. Holker, and read, in answer to that sent him yesterday.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read,	Colonel Smith.

A Letter from Colonel Caruthers, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, representing that he had receiv'd an Express from Colonel Hunter, Lieutenant of Northumberland, representing that the Militia called forth on a late requisition of the Board of War, and now stationed in that County, were utterly destitute of ammunition; that upon application to the Commissary at Carlisle, they decline furnishing any without an order from the Board of War.

Resolved, That the above representation be sent to the Honourable the Continental Board of War, and they be requested to send an order to Carlisle for the above order.

This being the day appointed for hearing the complaint against Colonel Stroud, and the parties attending, and producing sundry Papers, which were also read, the Council took the same into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That the conduct of Colonel Stroud, in arraigning the authority of the Lieutenants, and the legality of their appointments, is Highly disapproved of by this Board, it being their clear opinion, confirmed by the sentiments of all parts of the State, that the Assembly have a legal constitutional power to appoint Lieutenants, and that they ought to be respected accordingly.

Resolved, That disputes between officers appointed to promote the same service, and Especially one on which the safety and secu-

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rity of the People so much depend, is highly prejudicial to the Public Welfare; that, therefore, it be recommended to the parties now before the Board, to lay aside all animosities, and, in future, treat each other with kindness, and conduct the Publick business with Harmony.

Resolved, That in consideration of Colonel Stroud's good character as an officer, his activity and zeal in the Publick Service, the Board think proper to pass over any farther proceedings herein.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Septem'r 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Reed,	Colonel Smith.

A Letter from Colonel Beaty, respecting one Benjamin Wilson, a Lieutenant of the Flying Camp.

Resolved, That the Letter be forwarded to Colonel Kletz, of Lancaster county, with the opinion of the Board, that the said Wilson does not appear to have been considered by the Enemy as a Prisoner, and that if he has excused himself as such from Militia or other duty, he ought to be called for his Fines, he having been at full liberty to act and take his share of duty.

A Letter from Doctor Potts was read, intimating his desire to have the complaint against him heard before the Board, when his Witnesses attend.

Resolved, That no farther proceeding be had upon said complaint untill he have time to prepare himself therefor.

A certificate from George Wall, agent of Bucks county, that he had receiv'd of Joseph Greer, five thousand and ninety pounds, in full of the purchase of a Tenement belonging to Jonathan Jones, confiscated to the State.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A Petition from William Simpson, convicted of Felony, recommended by the Justices for the remission of his Fine, all the other parts of the sentence being complied with; the record of the Judgment being also read.

Resolved, That the Fine be remitted.

Petitions from Mary Orpan, Hannah Evans, Kitty Hughes, and Margaret Lindsays, were read, praying leave to go to New York.

Resolved, That a pass be granted to Mary Orpan, she giving security not to return. That the Petitions of the others be rejected.

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The Petition of James O'Bryan being again considered,

Resolved, That a pardon do Issue to the said James O'Bryan, and that the Sheriff do deliver him up to some officer of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, to be forwarded thereto.

Resolved, That the Fine of John Donnelly, whose case is mentioned in a Minute of the Eighteenth of August, be remitted, and that the sheriff of the county be directed to deliver him up to the officer of the corps to which he belongs.

That this resolve be transmitted by the Secretary to Charles Hall, Esquire.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan Dickenson Sergeant, Esquire, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the sum of two thousand pounds, for one year's salary, due the Third of September, instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Septem'r 13th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President, and

Mr. Read,

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Septem'r 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Reed, Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of Seventy-six pounds, the amount of Caleb Lowne's account for cutting a seal for the Court of Admiralty.

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A Resolution of the Honourable House of General Assembly having been communicated to this Board, in the following words, to wit:

"In General Assembly of Pennsylvania,
"Tuesday the 14th of September, 1779.

"The Petition of Mr. Reynold Keen was read the second time, and being considered, it was thereupon,

"*Ordered*, That the said Reynold Keen have leave to bring in a bill for revesting such parts of his estate in him as were not sold before he surrendered himself to the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"JOHN MORRIS, Jun'r,
"Clerk of the General Assembly."

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Agents for Forfeited Estates be directed to delay the sale of the Estate of Reynold Keen untill the end of the present Session of Assembly, or other order of this Board.

A Letter from Colonel Jacob Shoemaker, Sub-Lieutenant of Northampton county, dated the Eighth Instant, was read, representing that Three companies of the Fourth Battalion of Militia of that county refused to pay the Fines, on a pretence that they had answered their Tour of duty by hiring eighteen Men when called upon by the Lieutenants in July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and claiming the said service as an exemption from duty.

Whereupon, the same being considered,

Resolved, That the Board doth disapprove and condemn the conduct of the said delinquents, as being an evident Breach of the Militia Law, and that it is the duty of the Lieutenant, Sub-Lieutenants, and other officers, to proceed to recover the Fines, notwithstanding the pretence before alledged.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county be directed and required to give all necessary aid to the Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenants in their duty, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to perform the duty enjoined him by Law, that immediate notice be given to this Board, with proof thereof.

Resolved, That previous to any farther compulsive Measures, the Sub-Lieutenant and Sheriff be directed to make these resolutions known to the several delinquents, set before them the consequences of refusal, and recommend to them a Peaceable compliance with the Law.

Resolved, That the Chief Justice be directed and requested to call for a return of such Persons taken in Arms, and now Prisoners in the State Prison, as are supposed to have been Inhabitants

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and Owe allegiance to this State; that he make enquiry into their respective circumstances, and make report to this Board thereon, with his opinion and advice.

A Deed was signed to Richard Backhouse, for a Tract of land purchased in Bucks county, late the Estate of Joseph Galloway, the same being accompanied with a certificate from the Attorney General. Consideration, Twelve thousand eight hundred pounds.

A Certificate was presented to this Board, signed by Thomas Hale, of the receipt of Five thousand Pounds, the Purchase Money of a House and Lott, late belonging to Arthur Thomas.

Mr. Penet, a French Gentleman of Credit and interest, having proposed to supply this State with Arms upon the following Terms, Vizt: Twenty-four Livers, or the value in current Money, for each Musket fitted with a Bayonet, to be paid on receiving the Bill of lading, or advice of their being shipped.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to agree with Monsieur Penet for Five thousand stand of Arms, on the above Terms.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Mackey, (now returned from home.)

An Application from Thomas Smith, Esquire, renewing the request of Mr. Martin, the Sub-lieutenant, for Powder and Lead, was resumed; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Four hundred Weight of Powder, and one thousand five hundred Weight of lead, be forwarded to Colonel Piper, Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, and that Colonel Mathew Smith be requested to forward the same.

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles be directed to furnish Colonel Smith, or his order, with the same, for the purpose of the above resolve.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Penns Valley, being again read,

Resolved, First. That it is not in the Power of this Board to exempt the Petitioners, or any others, from duties enjoined by Law.

Secondly. That the request of the Petitioners is highly improper, dangerous to the Peace and comfort of their own Families, as the Militia is the only force that can be depended on for Safety against the Savages, and therefore, ought to be encouraged and promoted.

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Alexander Johnston, Esquire, of New Londen Township, having declined serving as a Justice of the Peace for Chester County, under a late election,

Resolved, That David Mackey, Esquire, the other Gentleman on the return, be Commissioned instead of the said Alexander Johnston, Esqr.

This being the day appointed for the attendance of Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, Sheriff of Northumberland County,

Resolved, That the Board will meet this afternoon at six o'clock, to proceed on said business.

Adjourned to six o'clock in the afternoon.

The Council having met according to adjournment, and Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, High Sheriff of Northumberland County, being called on the Complaint against him for Mal-practice in his office, consisting of Gross negligence in permitting three Notorious Felons to escape after being repeatedly cautioned and warned of the danger thereof; Upon which the Sheriff made Sundry excuses and withdrew; Whereupon,

The Authority of this Board being Considered, the Constitution and Laws of the State examined,

Resolved, That the opinion of the Chief Justice be taken herein, and the matter lie over for farther Consideration, and such a letter was wrote accordingly.

A Memorial from Mathew Clarkson, Esquire, Marshall of the Admiralty, was read, representing that he was opposed in the Execution of his office by a Merchant in this City. Prize Goods taken away before Condemnation, and without any order, together with other irregularities, and praying the assistanee and protection of Government; Whereupon,

Resolved, That a Writ of Assistance, Similar to that issued in aid of the Sheriff, do immediately issue to the Marshall, and that it be recommended to him to proceed with firmness and regularity in his office, it being of the utmost Importance that the Transactions of that Court, on which the Peace and Honour of the State and United States depend, shou'd be Conducted with the Utmost regularity and order.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn in favor of Colonel John Bull, on the Treasurer, for the sum of Two thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying the Workmen employed in the necessary repairs of the President's House, belonging to the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of Ninety thousand pounds, for purchasing Rum, Tea, Sugar, &c., for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An application from the Navy Board for three hundred double-headed Shot for the Confederacy Frigate, was read; Whereupon,

The President informed the Board that Mr Henry, Commissary of Naval Stores, had informed him there were but about Sixty or Seventy in the Store; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the supply is so small that it wou'd be inconvenient to spare them; otherwise the Council wou'd chearfully comply with their request.

Applications from the Reverend Colin M. Farquhar and Mrs. Elizabeth Burgin, to pass to New York, being read,

Resolved, That under the present circumstances of the times, the Consideration thereof be postponed for a few days.

A Representation having been made by Doctor Hutchinson and the officers of the Galleys, of the distressed Case of Mrs. Catherine Reynolds, Widow of John Reynolds, late Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, and praying that she may be permitted to draw rations for a limitted time, 'till her Children recover from the Small Pox, and she is in a Condition to help herself.

Resolved, That Mr. Crispin be authorized to Issue a single ration, untill the first day of January next, or farther order of this Board.

A representation having been made by John Elliott and John Elliott, Junior, Attornies of Thomas Mackiness, lately Proscribed, and praying the Interposition of this Board; and the same being Considered, it appears that the said Thomas Mackiness, after leaving this City, returned to it while Possessed by the Enemy—following Trade under their Government and protection; that when he might have Stayed and availed himself of the benefits of this Government, and taken care of his Estate, he voluntarily went off

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with them; That he is now, or was lately, in New York, Trading in like manner under their Government, from all which Circumstances his Enmity to the Independence and Government of this State appears too plainly to be doubted; Wherefore,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petition cannot be complied.

An Extract of a Letter from General Sullivan to Congress, Complaining of this Board in not Furnishing a Number of men by him Expected.

Resolved, That the said extract be farther Considered, in order to making a representation to Congress thereon.

Mr. William Turnbull laid before the Council Bills of Cloths and Trimmings, purchased by him at Baltimore, for the Officers' Cloathing, amounting to the sum of Fifty-Six thousand and twenty-seven pounds, Sixteen Shillings and four pence; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Turnbull be allowed one per centum commission on the said purchase; and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Turnbull, for the sum of Fifty-six thousand five hundred and eighty-eight pounds, one shilling and ten pence, for cloths and trimmings purchased by him for cloathing the Officers of this State in Continental Service, including a commission for this service of one ℔ centum on the purchase.

Resolved, That the Invoices of Cloathing and Trimmings, purchased by Mr. Turnbull at Baltimore, be forwarded to Colonel Farmer, and that he be authorized to receive the Cloth and Trimmings from Mr. Turnbull as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to request Colonel Farmer to give a rough sketch of the appropriation of the Monies he has receiv'd.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hambright, and
Colonel Smith.

A Petition from William Russell, late Ensign in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, representing that he lost his Leg at the Battle of Brandywine; that he has been since omitted in Promotion, and praying his case may be considered by this Board. A certificate from Colonel Miller and Major Clarke of the Merit and good character of Mr. Russell, were also read; Thereupon,

Resolved, That a copy this Minute be sent to Colonel Nichola, and he be requested to inform the Board of the Mode in which of-

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ficers are Transferred into his Regiment, and also how far his request as to Promotion can be complied with.

That Colonel Nichola be requested to return the Papers with his Answer.

A Letter from John Hay, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of York, representing the necessity of a guard at the Goal, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the conduct of the Sub-Lieutenant is approved by the Board, in providing a guard, and that he be authorized to keep up a guard of a Subaltern, Serjeant and twenty Men, untill a Court be held for the Tryal of Criminals, which it is recommended to the Inhabitants of the county to apply to the Justices of the Supreme Court for, if the cases are capital.

A Letter was laid before the Board from the President of Congress, inclosing an address from Congress to their constituents, on the subject of Publick Credit; also, a resolution, dated the Twenty first day of August, for continuing the Embargo to the first day of January; also, a resolution, dated the Twenty-fifth day of August, against any restrictions on the Inland Trade between the United States; also, one of Tenth Instant, for providing Cloathing for the Troops.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Colonel Smith, Mr. Mackey.
Mr. Hart, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honourable George Bryan, Vice President, for the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to order a Number of Standards for Public use, with the Arms of the State worked thereon.

The case of Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, High Sheriff of Northumberland county, being again resumed, the answer of the Honourable the Chief Justice was read; Whereupon, the Board having Maturely deliberated thereon, and it appearing clearly to the Board from the examination of the Sheriff, that he has failed in his duty, and it also appearing that the time for which the said Sheriff is to continue in office expires in a very short time, so that the removal therefrom wou'd be very inadequate to the offence; Wherefore,

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Resolved, That the several papers, and the proceedings of this Board thereupon, be transmitted to the Supreme Court, that such proceedings may be had under the act of Assembly entitled "An act for establishing courts of Judicature," or prosecution by Indictment, as to the said Court shall be most conducive to Publick Justice; and it is hereby recommended accordingly; and a copy hereof is ordered to be sent to the Chief Justice.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 21st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hart, Colonel Smith.

A Letter was read from Mr. Holker, praying the answer of the Board with respect to his demand of Flour.

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform Mr. Holker that the old Crop being expended and New not Threshed, there is at present a difficulty in procuring Flour, and that the demands of the Continental army are so urgent that this Board cannot engage to supply him with any specific quantity.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Hart, Colonel Smith.
Mr. Mackey, and

A Committee of Assembly, consisting of Messrs. Mifflin, Gardener and Clymer, having attended this Board and acquainted them that it had been resolved by the House to present an address to Monsieur Gerard, the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, upon his departure, and in case this Board proposed a like measure, they might attend him together, and that the address was already prepared to be presented by the Board; Whereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Hart and Colonel Smith do acquaint the said Committee that this Board have also prepared an address; but

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as the Compliment is not Joint, it is conceived to be more agreeable to custom, to attend Monsieur Gerard seperately.

Resolved, That the Secretary do inquire and report to the Board, the proper time to present the address prepared by the Board, which is as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, September 22d, 1779.

SIR:—The President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania would not do Justice to their own feelings and your Meritt, if they suppressed their Wishes for your future prosperity and happiness, and their regret that the commands of your Prince, and the Bad state of your Health, have abridged your residence among us.

The favour of your Sovereign we trust awaits your faithfull services, and if the affectionate regards of this Board can add to your happiness, be assured that you possess them in a very high degree.

Your eminent services in forming the Union between the two Nations, and your conduct, which has had a happy tendency to conciliate and cement our affections to the Monarch and People of France, will fully Justify, in the opinion of the World, this special Mark of our attention and respect, and transmit your name to Posterity, among the first and most distinguished friends of this rising empire.

With sincere wishes for your safe and happy arrival in your Native Country, sir, we bid you adieu.

Signed in behalf of the Council, unanimously.

JOSEPH REED, *President*.

Colonel Smith having laid before the Board a record of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lancaster County, by which it appears that Jane Ringland was convicted of three several Larceny's, and ordered to be whipped on the twenty-fifth instant; that the said Criminal is now pregnant, and that the Execution of the Punishment may probably be attended with dangerous consequences,

Resolved, That the said Punishment be respited untill the next Court of Quarter Sessions, who may farther order therein.

A letter from Charles Hall, Esquire, concerning Abraham Boyer, was read.

A letter from the Chief Justice, with an account of the Prisoners in the New Goal, was read, and

Ordered, To be farther considered.

Joseph Redman, Esquire, Clerke of the Market, being deceased, the Board proceeded to the appointing of a successor, when the following gentlemen were candidates, to wit:

Robert Smith,
Edward Pole,
John Leacock,
William Browne,
William Bonham,
John Sibbald,
Benjaman Armitage,
Mathew Henderson, and
Thomas Francis.

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Who being respectively Ballotted for, Mr. Robert Smith, Hatter, appeared to have a majority of the voices. Whereupon, he was appointed to said office, and the Secretary is directed to make out his commission accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, for the sum of Twelve thousand pounds, for purchasing Rum, Tea, Sugar, Coffee, &ca., for the use of the State Fleet, and the Militia doing duty down the river; for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Militia stores, for the sum of Three thousand pounds, for paying sundry accounts by him contracted on behalf of the State, for which he is to account.

A Petition from Colonels Lollar, Smith and Thompson, on behalf of Major Wright, a Prisoner with the Enemy.

Resolved, That the said Petition be transmitted to Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners for the State, with a direction to him to procure the exchange or release of said Wright, as a Citizen, he not being taken in Arms.

A Letter from Captain Montgomery of the State Ship, informing of his having taken the Brigg Privateer, Bayard, and of his putting into New Castle to refit,

Resolved, That the President direct Captain Montgomery to proceed again to sea as soon as the ship is refitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Septem'r 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.
Mr. Hart, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, for the sum of Three thousand pounds, for repairing Arms for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

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A Letter from Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, Deputy Commissary of purchases, acquainting the Board of his apprehensions of the Army suffering for want of Flour. That he shall want Seventy Thousand Barrells of Flour from this State, and praying the Exertions of the Legislative and Executive authority; also, giving a list of his deputies in this State.

Resolved, That the same be considered to-morrow.

The Letter of the Chief Justice, respecting a Number of Prisoners taken in Arms, and owing allegiance to the State, was again read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the determination of this matter be referred to a farther Day, and that in the mean time a List of the said Prisoners be sent to Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, and he be directed not to Exchange the said Prisoners without the farther order of this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 24th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Levi Budd, for the sum of twenty-five pounds, four shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for Boards for the Court Room.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

Sundry Petitions and complaints from the county of Northumberland, against Benjamin Weiser and Wilton Atkinson, Justices, were read; whereupon,

Resolved, That they be forwarded to the Honourable House of Assembly, to be prosecuted on, agreeable to the Constitution.

A Letter was wrote to Mr. Holker, inclosing the resolve of the Twenty-first instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turabull, Agent for Purchasing cloths, trimmings, Blankets, &ca., for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania Line, for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, for which he is to account.

The Petition of Catherine Malone, setting forth that she had been convicted of Larceny in four several Indictments, sentenced

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to be whipp'd and pay four several Fines, amounting to three hundred pounds; That she had suffered the Corporal Punishment, and prayed a remission of the said Fines, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Fines imposed for State be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Septem'r 25th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith.

A petition having been presented to this Board, in behalf of Ralph, a Negro, formerly the property of John Rankin, an attainted Traytor against this State, wherein the Interposition of this Board is prayed for his relief; whereupon,

The same being considered, and the several papers examined, there appears the following evident Marks of Imposition and Fraud:

First. That at a Monthly meeting of Quakers, held at Warrington, on the seventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, the service of Manumitting the slave was not fully performed. That at a like meeting, on the Eleventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, the persons appointed by the Meeting reported they had no further oppertunity to perswade the Master to manumit the slave, on account of his having been absent from home, as represented in the said Paper; in truth and fact, he having then Joined the Enemy in Philadelphia; and yet a Manumission is now produced, dated Twenty-fifth of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, most evidently and suppositiously anti-dated.

Secondly. There are no Witnesses or proof whatsoever of the Execution of the said Instrument, so as to ascertain the real time of its being executed.

Thirdly. A blank of the date has been evidently filled up in a different hand and Ink. From all which circumstances, this Board are fully satisfied this pretended Manumission was made after the said Rankin Joined the Enemy, and calculated to defraud the State.

Resolved, That the said claim be disallowed, and the Agents of York County give directions with respect to farther disposal of him.

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A Decree of the Supreme Court, in favour of Jacob Morgan, Junior, for three thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds fifteen shillings, due from the Estate of John Potts, a Traytor, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the order therefor be postponed 'till the Agents make return of the Monies receiv'd from the said Estate.

Two affidavits of the circumstance of Colonel Hannum's escape from the Enemy were read, and ordered to be forwarded to General Washington.

A representation having been made by the Honourable Colonel Smith, of the services of the Volunteers who turned out on the late Invasion of Northumberland, the time not being sufficient to admit a regular call of Militia.

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the Honourable House of Assembly, and this Board do recommend the same to the favourable attention of the House, for a suitable encouragement in future to such brave and spirited Men, who turn out to the relief of the distressed Frontier; And that the Secretary do deliver the same to the Speaker of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Septem'r 27th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.

A Decree of the Supreme Court, adjudging a debt of eighteen pounds to William Honeyman, out of the Estate of John Tolley, and a certificate of the Agent, that there was sufficient Money in his hands for that purpose,

Resolved, That an order do Issue for the sum of eighteen pounds.

An Act of Congress, transmitted by his Excellency the President, was read, in the Words and Terms following, viz't:

In Congress, September 26th, 1779.

WHEREAS, Congress have receiv'd authentic Information of the arrival of Count D'Estaing, with a powerfull Fleet, to Co-operate with these United States.

And whereas, By the vigorous of the said States, the allied forces may be enabled to strike an important blow against the Enemy;

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Resolved, That it be most earnestly recommended to the several States to furnish General Washington with such aid as he may require of them respectively, as well by Detachments from their Militia as by providing that the allied Armaments in the United States be speedily and effectually furnished with ample supplys of Bread and other provision, and the most vigorous exertions made for that purpose.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the same be immediately communicated to the Honourable House of Assembly, and that they be requested to meet this Board in committee or otherwise, in a free conference thereon, and also to receive some farther considerations from the Minister of France, thro' the President, on the subject of procuring supplies for the French Fleet.

And that Colonel Smith and Mr. Read do deliver this resolve; and if such conference is agreed, to appoint the time and place of meeting.

A Petition from Colonel William Maloney, praying the directions of this Board touching some Horses taken by him in one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, from Persons of disaffected and doubtfull character, which have been sold by him, the sales amounting to one hundred and seventy-three pounds; whereupon, the Board having made enquiry therein,

Resolved, That the proceeds of the said sales shall be accounted for with the Agents of Bedford County, and that it is the opinion of this Board they shou'd receive the same, unless they have some satisfactory reason against it, which They shou'd make known to the Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant William Honeyman, for the sum of Eighteen pounds, the amount of his claim on the Estate of John Tolly, decreed him by the Supreme Court.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 28th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hart,	Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hillary Baker, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of Three thousand one hundred and

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Eighty-nine Pounds four Shillings and Six pence, to be paid to Colonel Jacob Morgan, it being the amount of his Claim against the estate of John Potts, decreed him by the court.

An authentic copy of the Record of the conviction of John Gill, a soldier in the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, was read.

Resolved, That a Pardon do issue, so far as respects the payment of any fine.

A Petition of Jedidiah Snowden, was read, setting forth that a Negro Man had ran away from him to the Enemy, and had been lately taken by the State ship, with an affidavit of his property, and praying the said Negro to be delivered to him free of any Salvage.

Resolved, That it appearing to this Board that Salvage is not claimable in such a case, any claim on the part of the State to be wholly relinquished.

An application from Christian Wertz, Town Major of Lancaster, for pay and rations, being laid before the Board, and the same fully considered, it appears that the said officer is wholly employed in services arising from the Prisoners and stores of the United States being kept at Lancaster, and that there would not be the least occasion for such an officer on any service of the State; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said account be Transmitted to the Honourable the Board of War, and also that it is the intention of the Board to continue the said officer, if his support is to be given by the State.

An application was made to the Board from the Board of War, for Militia to guard Prisoners to Lancaster and Fort Frederick.

Resolved, That the same be farther considered.

A Letter from Colonel Stewart was read, representing that Messrs. Anbrine De Marcellin and George Le Roy, two young Gentlemen recommended by the Chevalier De La Luserne, had entered into the second Regiment, and praying commissions for them as Ensigns.

Resolved, That they be appointed, and the Board of War requested to issue commissions accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Septem'r 29th, 1779.

A Letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, dated September Twenty-eight, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, informing that Congress had, on that day, Elected the Honourable Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, to be President of Congress.

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A Letter sent to the Board of War, recommending the two Gentlemen mentioned in yesterday's Minute.

The President communicated to the Board sundry resolutions of the House of Assembly, on the Mode of providing Flour for the French Fleet, which being read and considered,

Resolved, That great difficulties will arise from leaving the prices of Flour unsettled, and the price at which Salt is to be taken, that the same be signified to the House, and they be requested to determine the same, and a Letter was wrote accordingly, and delivered to the Assembly.

The unhealthy state of the Garrisons at Mud Island and Billingsport, and all circumstances considered,

Resolved, That the Garrisons, except an Officer, Serjant and fifteen Men to each, be withdrawn, and that the said guards be relieved regularly once a week, untill the present Tour of duty be expired, and that the President be requested to thank the Officers and Men for their faithfull service.

A Letter from Colonel Marsteller, and one from Colonel Morgan, were read, on the subject of Flour.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Mackey, Mr. Grndt, (now first return'd.)
Mr. Read,

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly, on the Points referred to yesterday, being receiv'd, to the following effect:

"IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Thursday, 30th of September, 1779, A. M.

"The Letter from his Excellency the President of Council, relative to the procuring supplies of Flour, &c., was read the second time, and being considered; it was

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council be requested and authorized immediately to adopt effectual Measures for purchasing and procuring the salt at present in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, beyond the necessities of Private Families, for the use of the State, and that the ratio of salt to flour shall not be less than a Bushell and an half of salt for a hundred weight of flour, and that there shall be paid in part of the price of Flour, at the

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ratio aforesaid, at least Five Bushells for every ten Barrells of Flour, containing not less than two hundred weight each, and so in proportion.

Extract from the Minutes.

JOHN MORRIS, Jun'r,
Clerk of the General Assembly."

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That the obscurity of the expression, this Board not being able to Comprehend the meaning of the House, will make it necessary to have some farther Explanation hereupon, and that this Board will meet at three o'clock to confer with the members of Assembly thereon, and endeavor to proceed in the business.

Whereas, his most Christian Majesty, the Illustrious Friend and Ally of these United States, hath sent a great and powerfull Fleet to Co-operate with the Arms of these States, for the annoyance and destruction of the Common Enemy, which Fleet will require a very considerable and immediate supply of Flour, which it is both the duty and Interest of the People of these States to furnish without delay, so as to give Vigour and effect to the United Arms, and realize the happy prospects of Terminating the War:

And Whereas, the Legislature, in order to encourage the good People of the State to furnish the said supply, as well as to provide for their necessities, by the appropriation of a Quantity of Salt, and further provision of that Necessary Article, have resolved as follows, to wit:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Thursday, September 30th, 1779.

The Letter from his Excelleney the President of the Council, Relative to the procuring of supplies of Flour, &c., was read the second time; and being Considered, it was

Resolved, That the Supreme Executive Council be requested and authorized immediately to adopt effectual Measures for purchasing and procuring the Salt at present in the City and liberties of Philadelphia, beyond the necessities of Private Families, for the use of the State; and that the ratio of Salt to Flour shall not be less than a Bushell and a half of Salt for a hundred Weight of Flour, and that there shall be paid in part of the price of Flour at the ratio of at least Five Bushells for every ten Barrells of Flour, Containing not less than two hundred weight each, and so in proportion.

Extract from the Minutes.

JOHN MORRIS, Jun'r.,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

In Execution, therefore, of the above resolve, the Agents to be appointed for the receiving flour, are directed upon the receipt of any Quantities of Merchantable Flour, not less than Ten Barrells

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from one Person, and two hundred weight in each Barrell, to deliver Salt in the above proportion, and to pay the difference, as the same shall be, having respect to the Current prices of the respective articles on delivery thereof. The same to Continue untill the whole Salt now in hand shall be expended, or the farther order of this Board.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, October 1st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Reed,
Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, door-Keeper, for the Sum of Four hundred and sixty-three pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, the amount of his account for his pay from the second day of May last, to the Thirtieth day of September last, at eight dollars per day, and sundry other expenses.

Resolved, That the State Commissary be directed to supply Captain McGowan with the enumerated articles of Rum, Tea, Sugar, &c., as he wou'd be entitled thereto if in Camp.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey, Colonel Smith.
Mr. Read,

Ordered, That Mr. Jacob Barge and Mr. Charles Lyng be appointed to deliver out to Persons bringing in Flour, the Salt in the hands of the Council, according to the resolves of the Council and General Assembly of the thirtieth of September last, and that this Council will make them a reasonable allowance for their trouble therein.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Clarke, Paymaster of Cumberland County, for the sum of Four thousand

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pounds, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the said County, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, Paymaster, for the sum of six thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying the Workmen employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Chambers and others, a Committee of the House, attended in Council, and Conferred with Council on the Situation of the defence of Northumberland County and other Frontier Counties; and after spending some time thereon, His Excellency the President proposed writing to his Excellency General Washington thereupon, which Answer would be Communicated to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary Write to Henry Fisher respecting the Dragon look out Boat, say'd to be on shore, near Lewes Town, and also request the said Fisher to give Intelligence of the Approach of the Fleet, under the Command of Count D. Estaing, to the President, and also to the Commanders of the Provision Boats weating to supply him.

The Petition of Hannah Hudson, a helpless Widow, whose Husband died in the State service on board the Fleet, and the Petition of William Richley, who lost his eye-sight in the same service, were read; And thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Hannah Hudson and William Ritchey be recommended to the Justices of the Peace, as proper objects of the Care of the overseers of the Poor, and do also recommend that a regard in the said Cases be had to the service in which they have suffered.

The petition of Mary Humphreys, wife of James Humphreys, Printer, praying leave to go to her Husband in New York, was read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mary Humphreys be permitted to go into New York, she giving Bond, with security, in Five hundred pounds, not to return again to this City without leave.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Willing, praying leave for his Brother, Charles Willing, now in New York, to come to this City on a visit to his daughters, and to return thither again in the Spring, &c., was read; on consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Charles Willing be permitted to come from New York, but that as to the time of his return, it must depend on circumstances which may hereafter happen.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, October 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major General John Armstrong, Esquire, for the sum of Eleven hundred and Ninety-Six pounds, the amount of his Pay as a Member of Congress for this State, vizt: From the eighteenth day of February to the second day of March last, twelve days, at three pounds per day; and from the said Second day of March to the Twentieth day of October instant, (when he intends to return home,) two hundred and thirty-two days, at five pounds per day.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 5th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, October 6th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith.

The Council being informed that a very dangerous riot had happened on Monday last, in Walnut street, near the House of James

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Wilson, Esquire, in which several People had lost their lives, and others dangerously wounded,

Ordered, That the following Proclamation be issued, to wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

The late melancholy events in this city must fill the mind of every good Man and Virtuous Citizen with the deepest regret and concern. They must impress every one with the necessity of obedience and respect to Publick authority, as the only sure foundation of Tranquility and peace. The undue Countenance and Encouragement which has been shewn to persons disaffected to the Liberty and Independence of America, by some, whose rank and character in other respects gave weight to their conduct, has been the principal cause of the present Commotion. The unwearied opposition and the contempt manifested, in many instances, to the Laws and Publick authority of the State, have also contributed, and Justice also requires us to declare that some licentious and unworthy characters, taking advantage of the unhappy tumult, artfully kindled by themselves, have led many innocent and otherwise well-disposed persons, into outrages and insults, which it is hoped, on cool reflection, they will condemn. But as it is become highly necessary that all further tumult shou'd cease, and the Laws and good order prevail: We think proper to declare that all those who were immediately Concerned in the Unhappy Transactions of the Fourth Instant, without distinction, shall, as far as possible, be amenable to Justice; and for that purpose do require all those who Marched down from the Commons, in Hostile array, to the House of James Wilson, Esquire, and also all those who had previously assembled in the said House, with Arms or otherwise, immediately to surrender themselves to the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, or to some Justice of the peace, who is directed to commit them to prison, there to remain untill Examination can be had, and they be delivered in due course of Law. And we do also enjoin and require all officers, both Civil and Military, and all others, the faithfull inhabitants, to support and Maintain the Peace, tranquility and good order of the City, as they wou'd approve themselves Friends to Government and to American liberty, and as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-nine.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, October 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Hart,	Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messrs. William Will, Mathew Irwin and Adam Foulke, Commissioners appointed for collecting Salt, for the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for which sum they are to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Orndt,
Mr. Hart,	Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of Five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Shelds, Esquire, Member of Assembly, for the sum of Six thousand pounds, to be paid to Colonel John Proctor, Paymaster, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the said county, and for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, Member of Assembly for Bedford County, the sum of Three thousand pounds, to be paid to Mr. William Holliday, paymaster, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the said County, for which he is to account.

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated Westpoint, the fourth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, calling on the State for Fifteen hundred Militia, to serve for three months from the time of their Joining the Army, to co-operate with the Army and the Fleet, and Army of our allies, in an attack upon the Enemy at New York, &c, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be immediately laid before the Honourable House of General Assembly, for their advice and assistance on the subject of it.

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And the following Message being read, was agreed to, signed by the Vice President, and

Ordered, to be presented by the Secretary, viz't:

A Message from the Council to the General Assembly.

IN COUNCIL, Philad'a, October 8th, 1779.

His Excellency the President having this morning receiv'd the enclosed Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated West Point, the fourth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, the Council hath thought it proper to lay before you, for your advice and assistance, fully confiding that the Magnitude and importance of the object of it will engage the immediate and most serious attention of your Honourable House.

By order of the Council.

GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

To the Hon'e the Speaker of the Hon'e House of General Assembly.

The Secretary return'd, and reported that the Message and letter were presented to the Speaker of the House according to order.

A Committee of the House, Colonel Clymer, Mr. Hartley, General Lacey and Mr. Thomas Smith, attended in Council in Conference on the subject of his Excellency the General's Letter, and Major General Armstrong attended also, by desire of the Council, and a free conference thereon being held, the sense of the Council was fully expressed to the Committee.

General Lacy, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Thomas Smith and Doctor Gardner, attended in Council and informed the Board that they were appointed a committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, to meet and confer with a committee to be appointed by the Council, on the subject of an address of thanks to General Wayne, and the Troops of the Pennsylvania Line, for their important services during the Campaign; Whereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Smith and Mr. Read be a committee to meet the said committee of the House, for the purpose aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, October 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Orndt,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Read, and
Colonel Smith,	Mr. Thompson.

The Petition of John Patterson, of Philadelphia, praying that Walter Smith, a relation of the Petitioner, taken on Board a Bri-

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tish Ship by the General Greene, and now confined in the new Goal, may be discharged, &c., was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, be directed to enlarge the said Walter Smith, on receiving sufficient surety for his appearance when called for.

Ordered, That the Secretary do present the following Message to the Honourable House of General Assembly, viz't:

A Message from the Council to the General Assembly.

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, October 9th, 1779.

SIR, His Excellency the President having expressed to the Council his apprehensions of great distresses among poor housekeepers in this city, from the high price of Flour, and proposed the taking measures, in concert with your Honourable House, for their relief, by distributing among them one hundred Barrells of Flour, giving a preference to such Families as have performed Militia duty; and also to take some effectual Measures to obtain a supply of Wood to the city by giving a Bounty to such Persons as shall bring the greatest quantity to this Market within a limited time, or otherwise. The Council Concurring in opinion with his Excellency, beg leave to recommend to the Honourable House to take the same into their consideration, and if they approve thereof, to express their approbation by a vote or resolve of the House.

By order of the Council.

GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Honb'le the Speaker of the House of Gen'l Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, October 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Doctor Joseph Gardner, for the sum of one thousand pounds, to be paid to Samuel Cunningham, Esquire, late one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the county of Chester, to be charged to the account of said Cunningham.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That an embargo be now laid on Provisions of all kinds, to continue for Thirty days, and that a Proclamation do now issue

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for that purpose accordingly. And the following Proclamation being read, was agreed to, and signed by the Vice President, to wit:

By the Honourl. GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Exportation of victuals and provisions from the United States of America hath occasioned difficulties in procuring supplies for the American Armies and for the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, our illustrious Ally:

And Whereas, It is become necessary to take Effectual Measures for obtaining a present supply for the said purposes: wherefore, we do hereby lay an Embargo on the exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Oats, Spelts, Barley, Indian Corn, Beef, Pork, and other victuals, whether alive or dead, from this State to any parts or places beyond sea; and for that purpose do forbid the clearing out and dispatch of any ship or other vessel on which any such goods and victuals shall be laden; of which the Naval officer and all others concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. This Embargo to be continued Thirty days from the date of these presents, and no longer; But not to extend to hinder the taking in of necessary stores of ships of War or Merchant Vessels for their respective Cruises or Voyages, nor to prevent the Transportation of Provisions for the Armies of the said United States, or the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty—such Transportations to be licenced in every Instance by Us.

Given, by order of the Council, under the Hand of the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

Attest—T'Y MATLACK, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

Adjourned to the House of his Excellency the President, at four o'clock this afternoon.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Mackey,	Colonel Smith, and
Colonel Hart,	Mr. Thompson.

The Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, presented a resignation of his office of Vice President, in the following words, to wit:

I, George Bryan, who for upwards of two years last past have held and enjoyed the office of Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do, on this Eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, resign the said office.

As Witness my hand.

GEORGE BRYAN.

Acknowledged as the writing and act of Mr. Bryan, before
TIMOTHY MATLACK, Sec'ry.

And the same was accepted; whereupon,

Resolved, That a Vice President be now chosen by Ballot.

And the Ballots being taken and read by the Secretary, it appeared that the Honourable Mathew Smith, Esquire, was Elected to be Vice President.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 12th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable MATHEW SMITH, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Bryan,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Captain Hambright.

Ordered, That the clothier General of the United States, or his deputy, be requested immediately to forward to the sub-clothier at Camp, two thousand suits of Cloaths for the Troops of the Pennsylvania line.

And a letter was written accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILADEL'A, Wednesday, October 13th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable MATHEW SMITH, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Bryan,	Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Hart,	Mr Orndt, and
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Read,	

Daniel Clymer, Esquire, one of the Persons who were in the house of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth day of October instant, at the time when the riot happened there, surrendered himself, and offered surety for his appearance.

Ordered, That Daniel Clymer do give security for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to be holden for the City and County of Philada., there to answer such charges as shall be brought against him, and not depart the court without leave.

Whereupon, he became bound in the sum of five thousand pounds, and John Chaliner and Ephraim Blaine each in the sum of two thousand five hundred, as his sureties, accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of three thousand pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of the Honourable John Mackey, for the sum of one thousand two hundred and thirty-five pounds and five shillings, the Ballance of his account, for his attendance in Council, to wit:

From the Eighth day of October, 1778, to the first day of February, 1779, 115 days, at six dollars ℔ day,	£258 15
From the first day of February to the fifth day of April last, 63 days, at 8 dollars ℔ day, - - -	189 00
From the fifth day of April last to the fourteenth day of Octo'r Inst., 192, at 20 dollars ℔ day, - -	1,440 00
	£1,887 15

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1778.	Dec'r 24th,	Draft on the Treasurer,	£112 10	
1779.	Jan'ry 19th,	do	75 00	
	April 20th,	do	150 00	
	Aug'st 3d,	do	150 00	
	30th,	do	187 10	
				675 00
				£1,212 15

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The Letter of his Excellency General Washington of the Instant, being again considered,

Ordered, That two classes of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, two classes of the County of Philadelphia, Two Classes of the County of Bucks, Three Classes of the County of Chester, and three Classes of the County of York, be now called into service. And that in order to encourage the Freemen to do their duty on this occasion, the sum of eighty dollars be paid to each Man, both officers and Privates, who turns out on this occasion, in addition to the sum of twenty pounds allowed by Law, twenty pounds to be paid in hand, twenty pounds to be paid by the Almoner to the Family of such Militia Man in his absence, and the remainder, with the Continental Monthly pay, to be paid him on the Expiration of his service.

And as it is the earnest desire of his Excellency General Washington, to have the Militia now called to serve for the Term of three Months; that each able-bodied Man who shall engage in writing to serve one Month more than he is oblig'd by law to serve, shall be paid, in addition to the bounty above mentioned, the further sum of Fifty pounds, making in the whole the sum of one hundred pounds; forty pounds to be paid in hand, Forty pounds to be paid to his family in his absence, and the remainder at the expiration of the said Term of three Months.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of Dennis Dunn, late of the County of Lancaster, Yeoman, of Burglary and larceny, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster, on the fifth day of October Instant, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, by which it appears that said Dennis Dunn was Sentenced to be Hanged by the Neck till he be dead, was read and Considered.

Ordered, That a Writt of Execution of said sentence be Issued forthwith, ordering the same to be done on Saturday the Twenty-third Instant, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the forenoon, and two of the Clock in the afternoon, of the same day.

A return of the Election for the City of Philadelphia, held at the State House, on Saturday the Twelfth instant, being now made, so far as relates to a Councellor and Assembly Man, it appears

That William Moore was elected Councellor, and that George Bryan, Michael Shubart, William Hollingshead, Jacob Shriner, and Charles Wilson Peale, were Elected representatives in General Assembly for the said City.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, October 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable MATHEW SMITH, Esquire, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Reed,
Mr. Orndt,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright; also
Mr. Bryan.

A Letter from the Commercial Committee of Congress, requesting, in effect, permission to export to Saint Eustatia, in the Packet boat Eagle, Captain Ashmead, Two hundred Barrells of salted Pork, Fifty Barrells of Bread, for the purpose of procuring Cloathing for the Army, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Naval officer be directed to Clear out the said Vessell and Cargo.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major General John Armstrong, Esquire, for the Sum of Seven hundred and Ninety-two Pounds, his additional Wages as a Member of Congress for this State, agreeable to a resolve of the General Assembly of the Ninth day of October Instant, from the fifth day of April last to the Twentieth day of October instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, October 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Honourable MATHEW SMITH, Esquire, Vice President.

Colonel Hart,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Hambright.

William Bell, of the City of Philadelphia, trader, one of the Persons who were in the House of James Wilson, Esquire, at the time of the riot on the fourth of October instant, appeared; And thereupon,

Ordered, That William Bell do give security for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to be holden for the City and County of Philadelphia, there to answer such Charges as shall be brought against him, and not depart the Court without leave; Whereupon, he became bound in the sum of Ten thousand pounds, and John Pringle and Jacob S. Howell, each of them in the Sum of Five thousand pounds, for his appearance accordingly.

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A return of the General Election for the County of Berks being now read, it appears that the following named persons were duly elected, to Wit:

Representatives, Gabriel Heister, Sebastian Swan, Valentine Eckart, Christian Laur, George Egee, and Jonathan Jones; Sheriffs, Henry Haffa and Philip Kramer; Coroners, John Spohn and James Whitehead.

A return of the General Election for the County of Philadelphia being now read, it appears that the following Named Persons were duly elected, to wit:

Councellor, Joseph Reed, Esquire; Representatives, Robert Knox, Robert Lollar, Edward Heston, Daniel Heister, John Bayard, Joseph McLean, William Coates, Samuel Mechlin, and Archibald Thompson; Sheriffs, James Claypole and Christopher Ludwig; Coroners, Robert Jewell and William Moulder.

A return of the General Election for the County of Chester being now read, it appears that David Thomas, Henry Hayes, John Fulton, James Boyd, Patrick Anderson, Joseph Parke, William Harris, were highest in vote; and Sketchly Morton, John Culbertson, and John Fleming, were next highest, and equal in vote, to serve as Representatives in General Assembly; That Joseph Gardner was elected and chosen Councellor, David Mackey and John Gardner were chosen for the offices of Sheriff, and David Denny and Allen Cunningham were chosen to the office of Coroner.

A recommendation granted to each of the following named Persons going to Germany, viz't:

Isaac Levan, Jun'r, Godfried and

Joseph Reed, Esquire, chosen and return'd as Councellor for the County of Philadelphia, appeared in Council, and took the oaths of Allegiance and the oath of office, required by the Constitution, (Sect. 40,) and thereupon took his seat in Council.

The Council proceeded to the election of a President of the Council, according to the authority in them vested by the Twentieth Section of the Constitution. And the Ballots being taken, Joseph Reed, Esquire, was duly elected to be President.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, for the sum of Three thousand pounds, on account of his salary as Vice President.

A Letter from R. Purdy, A. C. Issues, dated Lancaster, Seventh October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, applying for Sixty Waggons.

Ordered, That the said letter be sent to the Assistant Quarter-Master General, Charles Petit, Esquire.

Mr. Root and Mr. Janifer, a Committee of Congress, attended in Council, and a conference was held upon the subject of the Pay of Waggons, now become altogether inadequate to the service.

Ordered, That Colonel Thompson and Colonel Hart be appointed to make enquiry what Prices are now paid for Waggons hired by the Quarter-Masters.

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Peter Richards being appointed by the General Assembly, on the fourth instant, to be a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, a commission was now issued to him.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Haffa, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Berks; and that James Whitehead be appointed Coroner of the same County.

Resolved, That David Mackey be appointed Sheriff of the County of Chester.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Joseph Hart, Esquire, for the Sum of one thousand and eighty-four pounds seven shillings and six pence, the ballance of his account, for his attendance in Council, to wit: From January first to the fifth of April last, at eight dollars ℔ day, ninety-five days; and from the fifth day of April last to the sixteenth of October Instant, one hundred and ninety-four days, at twenty dollars ℔ day, and Mileage on Twenty miles, at five shillings ℔ mile.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable MATHEW SMITH, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Orndt, and

Mr. Root, Mr. Janifer and Mr. Marshall, Committee of Congress, again attended in Council, and proposed that the Pay of Waggons now to be called into the service of the United States, be Ten pounds each day, the Continent finding forage and Provision, or twenty pounds each day, the parties finding their own provisions and forage. And they informed Council that Congress authorized them, the said Committee, to take order in the said case.

The Council took into consideration a Letter from John Mitchell, Deputy Quarter Master General, requesting Warrants for procuring one hundred & twenty Waggons; and, thereupon,

Ordered, That Warrants be issued to the Waggon Masters General of the following counties to supply the same, to wit:

Of the County of Lancaster, forty,	40
Of the County of Chester, thirty,	30
Of the County of Berks, thirty,	30
Of the County of Bucks, ten,	10
Of the county of Philadelphia, ten,	10
	120

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Henry Haffa now offers Daniel Hunter and Jacob Shoemaker, Esquires, as surities for the faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff of the County of Berks, and the same are approved of.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the sum of Thirty pounds ℔ bushell be allowed and paid for the Salt now in the State Store.

Council taking into consideration the dangerous Tendency of Persons going at large who stand charged, on oath, with high Treason; and that Peter Miller and Richard Mason, who stand so charged, are now at large,

Ordered, That a Warrant be Issued for apprehending the said Peter Miller & Richard Mason, and Confining them in the Prison of this City untill delivered under course of Law. And the same was Issued accordingly to the Sheriff of the City and County.

Petitions of Mary Ann Crippin and Ann Taylor, praying to pass into New York, were read and granted, they giving Security not to return without leave of this Council.

Joseph Gardner, Esquire, having presented himself to this Board to be Qualified as Councellor for the County of Chester, and the return thereof being read, it appears that the return of Chatham was informally made in this respect, that the same was not sealed, as by law directed; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said return be remitted to the Judges of the said Election, and that they transmit the returns to them made from Chatham district, in order that the said Informality be rectified; and that then do meet again, and amend the return now made to this Board, agreeable to Justice and the True Meritts of the Election.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Smith,	Mr. Orndt, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hambright.

William Moore, Esquire, Councellor elect for the City of Philadelphia, attended in Council, and took the oath of allegiance and the oath of office required by the Constitution; and thereupon he took his seat in Council as a Member thereof.

The Petition of Joseph Holdstock was read, praying permission to go into New York; and the same was granted, on Condition that he did not return, and giving security in the same in the sum of five hundred pounds.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull, for the sum of two thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying workmen employed by the State, under his direction, the same to be charged to his account.

The Council considering that the time of service of the Militia now doing duty at Billingsport and Mud Island, will expire tomorrow,

Ordered, That Captain Boys do appoint an Officer and twelve men belonging to the Gallies, to take charge of each of the fortifications of Billingsport and Mud Island, with the stores therein, and to be relieved from time to time, as the case shall require.

Petition of Abraham Ristean, praying that a Negro Slave belonging to him, named Jack, now in the Goal of this city on a charge of Theft, be discharged, was read.

And it appearing that restoration of the Goods had been made, and the party satisfied,

Ordered, That the said Negro Slave be pardoned and discharged, on payment of all Expences.

A return of the General Election for the county of Lancaster being now made, the same was read; and it appears that the following named Persons were Elected, to Wit:

Representatives.—James Anderson, James Cunningham, John Gilbert, Christopher Kucher, John Smily, William Browne, John Whitehill, James Jacks, William Peter, William Brown, and Emanuel Carpenter, Jun'rs.

Sheriffs.—Joseph Work and Thomas Edwards.

Coroners.—Jacob Baily and John Offner.

Commissioner.—John Slaymaker.

Assessors.—John Anderson, Maxwell Chambers, John Huber, Jacob Carpenter, William Wright, and James Bingham.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Joseph Work, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, and that Jacob Baily, Gentleman, be appointed and commissioned to be coroner of the county of Lancaster.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Crispin, Commissary, or his Order, for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, for Purchasing necessaries for the State Fleet, &c., for which sum he is to account.

Joseph Work, Esquire, Offers as security for his faithfull performance of the office of Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, Randall McClure and William Kelly, of the same County; and the same were approved of.

A return of the General Election for the county of Northampton being now made, the same was read; and it appears that the following named Persons were Elected, to Wit:

Representatives.—Peter Rhoads, John Ralstone, Christopher Wagner, John Van Campen, and Simon Diesbock.

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Sheriffs.—Jonas Hartzell and Peter Ealer.
Coroners.—Phillip Boehm and Peter Traxler, Junior.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Jonas Hartzell be appointed and Commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Northampton, and that Phillip Boehm be appointed Coroner of the said County.

John Hartzell offers Peter Sipe and Jacob Hartzell, Junior, for the faithfull performance of his Office of Sheriff of the County of Northampton; and the same are approved of.

The Honourable House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Meritorious services of General Wayne and Troops of the Pennsylvania Line under his command, particularly in the attack on Stoney Point, on the Sixteenth day of July last, and come to the following resolve, to wit:

In General Assembly of Pennsylvania, October the Tenth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

"The Assembly of Pennsylvania, taking into their consideration "the services performed by General Wayne and the officers and sol- "diers of the Pennsylvania line, in the attack on Stoney Point, and "the recommendation of the Supreme Executive Council,

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be given to General "Wayne and the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania Line, for "the courage and conduct displayed by them on the attack on Stoney "Point. The honour they have reflected on the State to which they "belong, the Clemency they shewed to those in their power in a sit- "uation when, by the Laws of War, and stimulated by resentment, "occasioned by the remembrance of a former Masacre, they wou'd "have been Justified in putting to Death every one of the Garrison, "will transmit their names with Honour to the latest Posterity, and "will shew that true Bravery and humanity are inepirable.

"*Resolved*, That this resolution be transmitted to the Supreme "Executive Council, and that they be requested to transmit the same "to General Wayne, to be by him conveyed to the officers and sol- "diers of the Pennsylvania line under his command in the attack "above mentioned.

Signed by order of the House.

JOHN BAYARD, Speaker."

Which has been duly communicated to this Board; and thereupon,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Supreme Executive Council do cheerfully concur therein, and give their thanks to General Wayne and the Pennsylvania Troops, for their Bravery, Humanity, and Good Conduct displayed on the above occasion, in which they have not only acquired most deserved Applause, but have reflected honour upon the State to which they belong.

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WHEREAS, Sundry Persons, owners or Factors of Salt, which arrived yesterday, in violation of the resolves of the Assembly, and the wholsome regulations made by this Board, have exchanged the said Salt for Flour brought to city on Publick account.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Agents for Purchasing and procuring of Salt, do demand the said Flour so exchanged of the present holders, and lodge the same in the Publick store and pay for the salt by them delivered, at the rate of Thirty pounds ℔ Bushell, and no more; and that they be fully authorized to take into their immediate possession all salt lately arrived, or which may hereafter arrive, engaging payment therefor at Thirty pounds per Bushell, and that they be desired to exert themselves to prevent any future violations of the Plan laid down by the Legislature for procuring supplies of Flour for Publick use, and supplying the county with salt.

The Petition of John Harding being read and considered,

Ordered, That he be pardoned, on condition of leaving this State within two weeks, and never returning to it again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 19th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable Mr. SMITH, Vice President.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel William Coats, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, or his order, for the sum of Four thousand pounds, to be advanced to the Militia, agreeable to the resolve of this Board, for which sum he is to account.

A return of the General Election for the county of Bucks was read, by which it appears that the following named persons were elected, to wit:

Councillor.—John Lacey, Junior.

Representatives.—Gerardus Wynkoop, Benjamin Fell, William Scott, Arthur Watts and Joseph Savage.

Sheriffs.—George Wall, Junior, and Abraham Kechline.

Coroners.—John Carr and Abraham Dubois.

Commissioner.—Joseph Thomas.

Assessors.—D. William Means, Daniel Larew, Thomas Folwell, James Peller, John Thomas, Charles Keighleine.

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On Consideration,

Ordered, That George Wall, Junior, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Bucks, and that be commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

George Wall, Junior, now offers John Thompson and John Carr as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office as Sheriff of the county of Bucks, and the same are approved of.

Major Francis Nicholls, one of the persons who were in the house of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth of October Instant, at the time of the riot there, now appears; Whereupon, the said Francis Nicholls became bound to the State in the sum of Five thousand pounds, and Samuel Caldwell and George Campbell, Esquires, become bound to the State in the sum of two thousand and five hundred pounds, conditioned that the said Francis Nicholls be and appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal delivery, to be held for the city and county of Philadelphia, there to answer, &ca.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Turnbull, for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Flour for the use of the State, and for which sum he is to account.

The following named Persons, to wit: James Wilson, Esquire, Stephen Chambers, Esquire, and John Potts, Junior, who were in the house of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth of October instant, at the time of the riot there, appeared; and thereupon, became bound with sureties, and to be and appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to be held for the city and county of Philadelphia, then and there to answer such charges as shall be brought against them, and not depart the Court without leave, to Wit:

James Wilson, in the sum of Ten thousand pounds,—Sureties, George Clymer and Samuel Caldwell, each in the sum of Five thousand pounds.

Stephen Chambers, in the sum of Five thousand pounds,—Sureties, George Clymer and Samuel Caldwell, in the sum of Two thousand and five hundred pounds each.

John Potts, Junior, in the sum of Five thousand pounds,—Sureties, George Clymer and George Campbell, in the sum of Two thousand and five hundred pounds each.

A return of the General Election for the county of Northumberland being read, it appears that the following named Persons were elected, to Wit:

Representatives.—Robert Martin, Samuel Deale, and William Montgomery.

Sheriffs.—James Crawford and Conrad Shaffer.

Coroners.—John Foster and James Hayes.

Commissioners.—Walter Clarke and William Mackey.

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Assessors.—Albright Swinforth, Peter Kester, Daniel Montgomery, William Clarke, James Harrison and Lewis Goss.

On consideration,

Resolved, That James Crawford be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, and John Foster be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county of Northumberland.

James Crawford, Esquire, now offers Colonel William Cooke and Charles Gillespie, as surities for the faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, and the same are approved.

Nathaniel Potts, one of the Persons who were in the House of James Wilson, Esquire, on the Fourth day of October instant, at the time of the riot, appeared, and thereupon became bound, with sureties, for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery to be held for the City and County of Philadelphia, then and there to answer, &ca.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Attlee, or his order, for the sum of Three thousand pounds, to be charged to his account, as part of his pay as a delegate in Congress.

A Petition was read, signed by the principal remaining Inhabitants of Northumberland county, representing their great apprehensions from the Indians, in consequence of the removal of General Sullivan's Army, and their being destitute of any Troops for their defence.

Sundry Letters from General Hand were also read, acquainting the Board that Three hundred men had been left as a Garrison at Wyoming, and it was deemed a greater number than was necessary for that post; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petition and Letters from General Hand be transmitted to the Board of War, and that they be requested to order one hundred and fifty men from Wyoming to Sunbury, there to be stationed in such manner as the Lieutenant of the County and the Commanding officer of the said Troops shall deem most likely to afford the Greatest Security and protection to the said county.

The President having communicated to the Board the desire of the Honourable Mr. Searle, one of the Delegates in Congress, to attend him to the Field as an Aid du-Camp, in consequence of a former appointment, and the present state of the Delegates being fully considered,

Resolved, That the Board have a proper sense of Mr. Searle's Zeal, but that as his absence might be Prejudicial to the Publick service, and not agreeable to the Assembly, who being shortly to meet, this matter may then be farther considered.

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In Council.

Wednesday, October 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. SMITH, Vice President.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, and

The following named three persons, who were in the House of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth of October instant, at the time of the riot there, to Wit: Doctor Jonathan Potts, Matthew McConnell and John F. Mifflin. Whereupon, Dr. Jonathan Potts became bound in the sum of Five thousand pounds, and Doctor Thomas Bond, Junior, and Josiah Hewes, each in the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds, conditioned that the said Jonathan be and appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, there to answer, &c.

Matthew McConnell became bound in the sum of Three thousand pounds, and John Duffield and James Gallagher, each in the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, conditioned that the said Mathew be and appear at the said Court, &c. And John F. Mifflin, being under age, George Mifflin and Anthony Butler became bound in the sum of Three thousand pounds each, conditioned that the said John F. Mifflin be and appear at the said Court, &c.

And Mark Bird, also present on the said day at James Wilson, Esquire's, appeared, and became bound for his appearance at the said Court, &c. Himself in the sum of Twenty thousand pounds, and Richard Peters and William Dewes each in the sum of Ten thousand pounds.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the sum of Six thousand pounds, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Isaac Ely be appointed and Commissioned to be first Lieutenant in the State Fleet, on Board the Franklin Galley, and that Henry Spees be appointed and Commissioned to be Second Lieutenant of the said Franklin Galley.

Order to Mr. Thompson for one hundred and sixty-two Bushells of Salt, for his proportion of Thirty-three Barrells of Flour to the State.

A Letter from General Sinclair was read, by which it appears that Lieutenant Gibbons had been found Guilty of Embezzleing Public Money; therefore,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to prosecute the said Gibbons, and that he lay the damages at six thousand pounds.

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The Petition of Major Solomon Bush, in the Militia of this State, being again read, and due inquiry having been made into the circumstances of his case, it appears that Major Bush has, on many occasions, distinguished himself in the Public Service, especially in the Winter one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, when the service was Critical & Hazardous.

That he entered again into the said Service in the summer one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, when General Sir William Howe invaded the State, and the Militia were called out pursuant to the resolutions of Congress and the requisition of his Excellency General Washington; and in the Month of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, acting as Deputy Adjutant General, he was dangerously Wounded in a skirmish between the Militia and the advance of the British Army, his thigh being broke, and he brought off with great difficulty; That being carried to his Father's House, on Chesnut Hill, and incapable of being moved, he fell into the hands of the British Army, when it moved up to Whitemarsh, in December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, who took his Parole; That he has ever since been Confined with his Wound, and incapable of performing any Military duty, or acquiring a livelihood; but on the other hand, his situation attended with much difficulty and expence.

All which circumstances being considered, and that the said Major Bush being at the time of receiving his Wounds in Continental Service, and now a Prisoner of War,

Resolved, That he be recommended to the special Notice of the Honourable Board of War, in Order to obtain Pay and rations equal to his Rank; and that this Board, in consideration of the services and sufferings of Major Bush, will permit him to draw from the State Store, from time to time, such articles as may be necessary for his comfortable Subsistance and support.

The Petition and representation of Captain Jacob Buss, and other Captains of the fifth Battalion of Northampton County Militia, being again read and duly considered,

Resolved, First, That the candour and professions of the Petitioners to submit to the Laws and determinations of this Board, is highly acceptable to the Council and Honourable to the Petitioners.

Resolved, Secondly, Upon full consideration of the State of the case, as made by the Petitioners, that the Voluntary service rendered by a part of the Battalion or Persons hired, cannot, in law or reason, be deemed a satisfaction of the Tour of duty for those who did not serve, but that the residue remaining liable to the Tour of duty, when called on, the said Voluntary service notwithstanding:

That, therefore, it is the Judgment and determination of the Supreme Executive Council, that the Companies who refused Compliance with the orders of the Lieutenants in July last, and have not paid their fines, are liable thereto, and that the Lieutenants

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and other officers do proceed to put the Law in Execution therein, with as little inconvenience to the delinquents as may be.

Resolved, That if the classes already called by the Lieutenant of the City, do not furnish Two hundred Men, exclusive of Officers, he do proceed to the next Class, and so on, to compleat the said Number, unless such a Number of Volunteers have entered to incorporate with the said Militia, as to compleat the above Number.

Resolved, That pursuant to the resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly, now concurred in by this Board, The Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants of the City, either by themselves or suitable Persons to be appointed by them, proceed to collect Blankets in this City from the Inhabitants, for the use of the Troops on the proposed service; That the Persons performing this duty do give a receipt to each person furnishing a Blanket, to replace the same as soon as may be, or pay therefor a price to be estimated by the said Collectors, and expressed in the said receipt; That where Persons, from conscientious Motives or otherwise, being of ability, refuse to supply any Blankets, they be authorized to impress the same, provided that no more than two Blankets be taken from any one Family, and that they collect, if possible, not less than one thousand.

Petition of David Franks, praying permission to go into New York to settle his accounts as Commissary of Prisoners, was read; and on Consideration rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, October (Thursday) 21st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. SMITH, Vice President.

Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hambright.

An application from George and Co'y, requesting payment for Five hundred and forty and one quarter Bushells of salt, delivered to the Agents for procuring of salt, was read, together with a receipt for the same, signed by Robert McGee; and Thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of George Meade and Co., for the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and seven pounds and ten shillings, the amount of the said, at Thirty pounds per Bushell.

David Solebury Franks, one of the Persons who were in the House of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth Instant, at the time of the riot there, appeared, and thereupon became bound to appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal

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delivery, to be held for this County, there to answer, &c., himself in the sum of Two thousand pounds, and Cadwallader Morris and Doctor John Coates, each in the sum of one thousand pounds.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Council that the classes heretofore called out of several Battalions of Militia, in the county of Chester, hath occasioned some irregularities in the classes; therefore,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Chester do now call into actual service the third class of the first, third and sixth Battalions, in addition to the three classes already called, under the same encouragements as are given to the three classes already called.

An application of the commissioners of Lancaster county, for procuring Flour, representing that they had fixed upon Fifteen pounds per Bushell for Wheat, and Forty-two pounds per hundred for Flour, and also requesting an order for Money, was read and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That an order issue to William Turnbull, Esquire, in behalf of the said commissioners, for one hundred thousand pounds, to be by him paid to Thomas Edwards, Esquire, for the above purposes. That Mr. Edwards do consult with Mr. Turnbull on the Price, and receive from him the current Prices in this city, which is to be the rule of purchase in Lancaster county, having regard to the transportation to this city, which it is reasonable shou'd be deducted from the country price, and which has been done in the other counties; and an order was drawn on the Treasurer for the said sum of one hundred thousand pounds accordingly.

The situation of the Militia of Chester county under the present call, being considered, and it appearing that former orders given by this Board for holding themselves in readiness, or in cases where it may have happened that Marching orders were given, were now construed into a service and performance of duty.

Resolved, That the said construction is not warranted by Law, or the reason of the thing, but that a class warned, and even under orders to March, but not actually marching, is liable to perform its Tour of duty notwithstanding, and that the Lieutenant of Chester county do proceed upon this plan on the present occasion.

The Petition of Jeremiah Simmons and others being read,

Resolved, That the Petitioners coming into the State of Pennsylvania to Trade, and having broke bulk, they are liable laws and regulations of the State, and that their pretence of receiving an advance, under the law against Monopoly, is not founded on the spirit or Terms of the said law, but wou'd, if admitted, be a violation thereof; That, therefore, the Agents for procuring salt do certify to this Board the quantity by them taken, in order that payment may be made to them at the same rate as the other importers, vizt: Thirty Pounds per bushell.

The Memorial of Thomas Guion, Captain of the Mermaid, being read,

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Resolved, As the final determination of the Board therein, that the said Captain Guion having imported a quantity of salt into this State, which it has become necessary to appropriate to the Publick use, he be paid therefor at the same rate which the other importers and holders of salt have agreed to receive, viz: Thirty pounds per Bushell. That as further encouragment to him and adventurers to bring salt to this port, he be permitted to export three hundred barrells of Flour, Beef, Bread or Hams, in such proportion of each as he may think proper, the embargo notwithstanding; and that Captain Guion do make a fair and regular entry, upon oath, at the of the Cargo exported, and also give bond with security, that the said Flour, or other provisions, shall not be landed in any port or place within the Dominions of the King of Great Britain, and that he have liberty to depart this port as soon as he thinks proper.

Mr. Thompson, a Member of this Board, having represented that a Number of persons of Public spirit and well affected to the State, had in compliance with a recommendation of this Council, supplied thirty-three barrells of Flour at a sum not more than one-half of the present price, that expectations were then given of salt being issued as part consideration of the Flour, and it is now prayed that a Quantity of salt proportionate to the said thirty three barrells agreeable to the resolves of Assembly, be issued.

Resolved, That the same be complied with, and an order issue to the Agents of Salt to deliver Mr. Thompson, or his order, sixteen bushells and an half of salt, the same to be issued in the country, in such manner as will best relieve the necessities of the people, and having a special regard to those Persons who furnished the Flour.

That the salt be delivered out at the rate of thirty-three pounds per Bushell, being the cost to the State and incidental charges, and that Mr. Thompson do account for the said Money.

An application being made to this Board for one hundred Waggons, to remove the Baggage of the Army which has been on the Western expedition,

Resolved, That a Warrant issue to the Waggon Master of Northampton County, to furnish Sixty Waggons, and to the Waggon Master of Berks, to furnish Forty Waggons, for the above service. But that it be recommended to General Sullivan to endeavour to procure the said Waggons by voluntary service, which this Board hope and believe may be done, as the Wages are now raised to Ten pounds per day.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia do call forth another company of artillery, to proceed on the proposed expedition.

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In Council.

Friday, October 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. SMITH, Vice President.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

Staats Lawrence, apprenticed with James Wilson, Esquire, and in his House on the fourth of October Instant, at the time of the riot there, appeared, and he being under age, Doctor Thomas Bond, Junior, and Alexander Nesbitt, became bound for his appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery to be held for the City and County of Philadelphia, there to answer, &c., each in the sum of two thousand pounds.

Colonel Blaine, Assistant Commissary General, attended in Council, and requested that the Flour now in the hands of Mr. William Turnbull be delivered to him for the use of the Continent. And the same was ordered accordingly.

Honourable James Searle, Esquire, attended in Council, and informed that the determination of Congress on the case of the Sloop Active being moved for this day, he had obtain'd a delay of that business untill Monday week next.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of Fifty thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pensylvania line, for which he is to account.

The Petition and remonstrance of Robert Harris being read and considered,

Resolved, The regulations entered into respecting Salt having been made by the authority of the State, and founded on Publick necessity, cannot be dispensed with in particular cases, without great inconvenience and prejudice to the State and the General Interests.

Application having also been made respecting a quantity of Salt which had been brought into this State by Mr. Harris, and which the agents have, agreeable to orders, taken into their possession, and the request of Mr. Harris to have the same re-delivered to him, that He may proceed therewith to Trenton, in New Jersey,

Resolved, That a compliance therewith will subject the Board to the imputation of partiality, and will be a Breach of the Plan laid down, and from which they have not deviated.

WHEREAS, The Militia of this State, called forth by the resolution of Congress, and the Special requisition of General Washington, will require equipment and supply of sundry articles, which the State Store Cannot furnish.

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Resolved, therefore, That Captain Stiles be authorised to address himself to the Honourable the Continental Board of War, for such articles as are absolutely necessary for the use of the Militia, and his receipt shall be deemed sufficient against the State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, October 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. SMITH, Vice President.

Mr. Moore, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of one thousand pounds, on account of his Salary as Chief Justice.

A representation being now made that Peter Miller, confined in the Goal of this City on a charge Missprisione of Treason, is in a state of health which renders his confinement dangerous to his life; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Peter Miller be enlarged on Bail.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Longhead, pay Master of Militia for Philadelphia, or his order, for the sum of six thousand pounds, to pay the Militia, now return'd from their Tour of duty, the same to be charged to his account.

Colonel Gressel, of the Continental Army, who was in the House of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth of October instant, at the time of the riot there, attended, and it appearing that he had used his influence to prevent Bloodshed, and had no intention of taking part on either side, He was dismissed, with a request that he will attend as an evidence, if he shall be called upon.

A Letter from the Honourable Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, was read, enclosing a resolution of Congress of the Twentyeth instant, recommending a Fast on Thursday, the ninth of December next, which was also read.

A return of the General Election for the County of York being now read, it appears that the following named Persons were elected, viz:

Representatives.—James Leeper, James Dixon, David Dunwoody, Mathew Dill, John Hay, John Orr, David Kennedy, and Henry Slagle.

Sheriffs.—William Rowan and William Scott.

Coroners.—Joseph Adlem and David Cantler.

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Commissioner.—John Sample.

Assessors.—John Ehrman, Lewis Williams, Reinhard Bott, Bernard Zigler, William Adams, and David Wilson.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Doctor David Jackson be appointed Quarter Master of the Militia now called into the field.

Ordered, That the Workmen now employed at Billingsport and Mud Island be discharged as soon as the Works erected are so far completed as to be secured from the Weather.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Charles Pryor, James Hunter, Junior, John Wilson, Robert Hunter, David McCulloch, and Anthony Cuthbert, be added to the Commissioners appointed to procure Salt, and that they act in Conjunction with the Commissioners already appointed by this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Mathew Smith, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of Two thousand one hundred and twelve Dollars, for his attendance in Council to this day, Vizt:

Twelve dollars advance on 29 days, ending June 12th last, - - - - - - - -	348 doll'rs.
Attendance from Septem'r 1st to October 11th, 41 days, at 20 dollars, - - - - -	820
From 11th of October to this day as Vice President, 12 days, at £10,000 per annum, - -	876⅔
Mileage on 101 miles, at 5 s2, - - -	67⅓
Equal to £792.	2,112 dollars.

The Judges of the Election of Chatham district, in the county of Chester, having now made a regular return of the said Election, and the return from Red Lyon and Chester districts being also laid before the Board, together with the special return made by the Judges of the whole Election, dated the fourteenth day of October, from which it appears that Joseph Gardner, Esquire, had a majority of votes as a Member of this Board, and the informality mentioned in Minute of this Board of sixteenth day of October, instant, being considered,

Resolved, That this Board being now possessed of the Meritts and Justice of the Election, the irregularity of the returning officer ought not to prejudice the rights of the Electors or the Elected; but that this Board being Judges in the last resort, ought to do compleate Justice without delay; and that the said resolution is warranted by Practice and usage in like cases.

Whereupon,

Joseph Gardner, Esquire, attending, was called in, Qualified according to law, and took his seat accordingly, as Councellor for the said county of Chester.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 25th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ardut, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner,	

A return of the General Election for the county of Bedford being now made, the same was read; and it appears that the following Gentlemen were elected, Vizt:

Representatives.—John Burd and Joseph Powell.
Sheriffs.—John Cesna and James Anderson.
Coroners.—John Wilt and Abraham Miley.
Commissioner.—Allen Rose.
Assessors.—James Little, Samuel Moore, John Todd, Robert Galbraith, Thomas Ferguson, and Jacob Hendershit.

And a return was also made of a Councellor chosen at the said Election, but the Honourable Mr. Urie, duly Elected and sworn into the Council, not having resigned his seat, the said return cannot be receiv'd.

On consideration,

Resolved, That John Cesna be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Bedford.

John Cesna, Esquire, now offers Robert Brachey, Abraham Miley, and John Wilt, as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office as Sheriff of the county of Bedford. And the same, or any two of them, are approved of by this Board.

A letter from Captain Cluggage, dated 10th instant.

The Memorial of Captain Getshens, late commander of the Impertinent, Privateer, of New York, and now a prisoner in the Goal of this city, praying to be exchanged, &c., was read; and on consideration that the said Getshens was an Inhabitant of this State, the same was dismissed.

A Letter from President of Congress, enclosing resolves of Congress of Twenty-second and twenty-third Instant.

In Congress, October 22nd, 1779.

A Letter of 21st, from the President and Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pensylvania, was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Marine committee, and that they take order and report to Congress.

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In Congress, 23d, 1779.

The Marine committee, to whom was referred the letter of the Twenty-first, from the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pensylvania, report, that they have Written a letter to Captain Harding, of the Confederacy, reciting that they have receiv'd information that he has lately impressed on Board the said Frigate several seamen, Citizens of this State, who have left Families in this City in a distressed situation, and ordering him, if this be true, to discharge them immediately.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

The Honourable Mathew Smith, Esquire, Vice President, sent in a resignation of his said office of Vice President, in the following Words, to wit:

"I, Mathew Smith, having for some time past enjoyed the office "of Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council of the Com- "monwealth of Pennsylvania, Do, on this Twenty-third day of Oc- "tober, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and "seventy-nine, resign the said office of Vice President.

"Witness my hand.

"MATHEW SMITH."

Philadelphia, October 23d, 1779.

And the said resignation is now accepted.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of Dunning's Creek, in the county of Bedford, praying redress of some Grievances from the Sub Lieutenant, was read, and referred for further consideration.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 26th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Hambright.

William Henry, Esquire, of the Borrough of Lancaster, attended in Council, and presented an order of Congress, in the following Words, Vizt:

"October 23d, 1779.

"100,000 dollars.

"Gentlemen, Please to pay to James Wilkinson, Esquire, Clo- "thier General, or his order, the sum of one hundred thousand dol-

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"lars, advanced to him on his application, countersigned by the "Board of War, for the use of the hide department, and for which "sum he is to be accountable, and charge the same to the United "States, in discharge of a part of the sum lent by Congress to the "State of Pensylvania, on the Ninth of April last."

"By order of Congress.

"SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, President.

"Exam'd.—C. T.

"To the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pensylvania."

"Under Written in these words, to wit: Entered in the Treasury "Office, the 23d October, 1779.

"JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. G."

And endorsed on the back thereof with the following words, to wit: "Please to pay the within to William Henry.

"JAMES WILKINSON, Clo. General."

On Consideration,

Resolved, That the said order of Congress be accepted; and thereupon acceptance was endorsed by his Excellency the President, on the said draft.

It appearing to the Council that the State of the health of Peter Miller, of this City, Scriviner, now in the Goal of this City, requires his enlargement, Francis C. Hassenclever and Samuel Garrigues, Jun'r, became bound to this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, each in the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds, Conditioned that the said Peter Miller shall be and appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to be held for the City and County of Philadelphia, there to answer such charges as shall be brought against him, and not depart the Court without leave.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Thomas Cuthbert, Senior, and Thomas Briton, be added to the Commissioners appointed to procure salt, and that they act in conjunction with those already appointed.

Petition of Mary Flood, a Prisoner now in the Goal of this City, praying remission of her fine, and her case being recommended by the Justices, &c., being read, the same was granted.

The Petition of George Harding, now in the Goal of this City, under sentence of death, praying a pardon, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a reprieve be issued for George Harding untill further order, and that the Sheriff be directed to permit him to go out of Prison untill further orders.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull, for the sum of Two thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen employed at the President's House, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of Eight thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen employed at the Fortifications at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 27th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hambright.

John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, Counsellor-elect for the County of Bucks, attended in Council, and took the oaths required by the Constitution, and thereupon took his seat in the Council as Counsellor for the said County of Bucks.

Petition of Catherine Fritz, praying permission to go into New York to her Husband, was read, and the same was granted, on condition of her giving security for her and her children not returning without leave, &c.

Petitione of Francis Nelson, Indicted for Misprision of Treason, praying to be permitted to go to New York, was read, and referred for further consideration.

On Consideration,

Resolved, That John Miller, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the City Court of Philadelphia.

The Cruise of the ship General Greene, Captain Montgomery, being expired, and she now return'd into port, and the season of the year being come in which a vessel of her make is not able to keep the seas on our Coast, and the expence of continuing her in Service being very great,

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents of the Ship General Greene, be directed to sell her at Public sale, together with her Tackle, apparel and guns, reserving the small Arms and Ammunition for the use of the State; and that the said Agents be directed, as soon as may be, to exhibitt to the Council the state of their accounts with the Commonwealth.

On Consideration,

Resolved, That David Mackey be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Chester, and that David Denny be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said County of Chester.

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David Mackey proposes John Mackey, Esqr., and Doctor Gardner, as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff of the County of Chester; and the same are approved of.

An application from Captain Thomas Guion, for permission to retain some salt for the purpose of curing his provisions, and a few Barrells of Beef, as part of his Cargo, being read,

Ordered, That the Agents for procuring of salt be directed to permit Captain Guion to retain Thirty-five Bushells of salt for the said purposes.

The Board taking into Consideration the pernicious tendency of Vendues, which are frequently held in open Violation of the laws of the State,

Resolved, First, That Effectual Measures be taken to enforce the Laws on this head.

Secondly, That the advertisements published therefor, enable the delinquents to break the Laws, and are indecent in themselves, as holding forth to the World a neglect or contempt of Publick authority; therefore, the several Printers in this City be informed of the sense of this Board therein, and that in future the Printing and publishing advertisements in News Papers, hand bills or otherwise, of the sale of Goods and Merchandize, or any other articles by way of Vendue, (other than ships, Prize Goods, lands and Tenements, personal property of deceased persons, or the effects of Persons leaving the State, in which the Names of such persons shall be mentioned,) will be considered as derogatory to the interests of the State; and if persisted in, will induce this Board to recommend to the Honourable House of Assembly the passing a Law, with severe penalties, against such practices.

Thirdly. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above be sent to each Printer in this city.

Information having been given to this Board that there is great reason to believe quantities of Flour are smuggled out of this State, notwithstanding the embargo and the Publick necessities.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Naval officer be directed to make due enquiry herein, and use all possible diligence to prevent such practices. That if his present state of health is such as does not admit his personal exertions, he appoint a suitable active deputy, and take such farther measures herein as he shall Judge most effectual, representing to this Board the necessity of any farther assistance or aid, either from the Gallies or otherwise, if such necessity shou'd appear.

Solomon Bush, Esquire, having been duly appointed deputy Adjutant General of this State in July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, when great numbers of Militia were called out, in aid of the Continental Army, and the rank of Lieutenant Colonel having been annexed to that office,

Resolved, That he be recommended to the Honourable the Board of War for pay and rations accordingly.

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An application of William Allen, Esquire, to postpone the sale of a certain tract of Land in Berks county, called the Big Spring, seized as the property of Andrew Allen, was read and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That upon the rule adopted in like cases being complied with in this, vizt: The Petitioner's stating the facts in his application, by affidavit, the Secretary write to the Agents of Berks county to adjourn the said sale 'till after the next Supreme Court.

The Commissioners for procuring salt having acquainted this Board that they met with many difficulties in the Execution of the said service, and that they apprehend great quantities of salt and Flour are concealed or smuggled out of the city; that a pernicious Barter is carried on, and that there are complaints with respect to the price, and requesting the advice and support of the Board.

Resolved, That this board have a proper sense of the services and exertions of the above Gentlemen, and are determined to support them therein. That a Publication will appear in a few days on the subject, from which the Board hope for beneficial effects, and that the commissioners be desired, in case the practices complained of cannot be otherwise prevented, to apply to this Board for farther assistance, which will be granted by calling on the Militia for guards at the Wharves and other places where it is suspected Flour and Salt are clandestinely concealed or conveyed away, and that an order issue in favour of the said commissioners for Fifty thousand pounds, the remainder to be issued when Mr. Rittenhous's and Mr. Holker's return will enable the Board to give a farther draught without Inconvenience.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, October 28th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Read, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Lacey, and

John Lawrence, Junior, one of the persons who were in the house of James Wilson, Esquire, on the fourth of October instant, appeared, and thereupon became bound, himself in the sum of Five thousand pounds, and General James Wilkinson and John Lardner, each in the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds, that the said John Lawrence be and appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to be held for the city and county of Philadelphia, there to answer, &c.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, October 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of six hundred and seventy-two pounds, for purchasing Fire Wood for the use of the Council, for which sum he is to account.

The Commissioners for procuring salt having represented that Captain Guion, of the Brigg Mermaid, had delivered only five hundred and Twenty Bushells of salt, notwithstanding he had imported one thousand Bushells, and that he has acted in this business with evident intentions to violate the regulations made by the Honourable House of Assembly and this Board,

Resolved, That the Naval officer be directed to seize the said vessel and order her sails on shore untill farther order be given herein, and that in the mean time the Indulgencies granted to the said vessel be suspended.

The said Commissioners having also represented that Doctor Robert Harris having imported a quantity of salt into this State, which the said Commissioners, in execution of their duty had taken into possession, but Doctor Harris desiring the salt might remain in his possession untill he shou'd apply to the Board, which he was permitted to do, upon giving his word that he wou'd not remove the salt, but had notwithstanding carried off the salt clandestinely.

Resolved, That unless the said Salt, or an equal Quantity, be immediately restored by the said Doctor Harris, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, this Board will direct a Prosecution against him for such a daring opposition to the authority of the State, and that the above resolves be sent to the Commissioners, that they may notify the parties of the determination of the Board thereon.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, October 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the Publick Highways, and that by a late act of Assembly, passed the Thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, the Laws on this subject are now revived, and provision made for that Purpose,

Resolved, That the several provisions of the Highways be directed to proceed immediately to the repair of the Highways, before the Winter Sets in, and that in such Townships or districts where no Supervisors have been elected, agreeably to an act of Assembly, passed the Twenty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, three or more Justices do make an appointment, as by said Law is directed, of Supervisors. And it is enjoined and recommended to the said Justices, and others, to proceed against delinquent supervisors, as by said Law is directed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, November 1st, 1779.

PRESENT:

Mr. Moore, Mr. Read.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, November 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

Mr. Moore, Mr. Orndt.
Mr. Read, and

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, November 3d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Lacey,	

Mathew Clarkson, Esquire, Marshall of the Court of Admiralty, having represented to the Board that he had been violently opposed and insulted in the Execution of his office, by Blair McClenachan, of this City, Merchant, and Principal owner of the Privateer Holker, who, aided by a Number of armed Sailors, had taken a Ship called the Gondon Rose, Captured by the said Privateer, out of the possession of the said Marshall. And, also, that Notwithstanding the Writ of assistance, issued lately by this Board, in consequence of former Complaints of the same nature, and by the same Person, the said Blair McClenachan, in a riotous and Tumultous manner, assaulted the said Marshall.

Resolved, That the said representation, so made by the said Marshall, be transmitted to the Chief Justice, and that he be directed, in case the same is ascertain'd by authentick proof, to issue his Warrant against the said Blair M'Clenachan, and all others Concerned in the riot and affray aforesaid, and deal with them according to Law.

WHEREAS, Complaints and dissatisfactions have arisen respecting the sale of the State Ship General Greene, and it has been suggested that the same was conducted with some degree of neglect or unfairness on the part of Mr. Irwin, one of the Agents, and also that by reason of the time and circumstances of the said sale, the ship has been sold at a very great under value.

Resolved, That three Members of the Board, Vizt: Mr. Moore, Doctor Gardiner and General Lacey, do enquire into the Circumstances of said sale, and that they be desired also to inquire into the Conduct of Captain Montgomery, with respect to the stripping said Vessel after the above sale, and report as soon as may be thereon.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan Dickinson Serjant, Esquire, for the Sum of Two thousand pounds, in part of his salary as attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Read, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

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Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hollinshead, a committee of the Honourable House of General Assembly, attended in Council, with a verbal Message from the House, informing "that the House was now met, and ready to receive such business as the Council may have to lay before them."

Mr. Coates, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Schreiner, and Mr. Whitehill, a Committee of the Honourable House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and a Conference was held with the Council, on the subject of an increase of the Bounty to be paid to the Militia now called into the Field, in consideration of the great expence of the necessaries requisite for furnishing and equipping them; and some time being spent thereon, it was agreed that the bounty to the Militia who shall serve on the expedition proposed by his Excellency General Washington, in his late requisition to this State, or who shall March for the defence of the frontiers of the State, shou'd be raised, so as to amount to the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds; Fifty pounds to be paid two days before the time of actual March. Fifty pounds to be paid by the Almoner to the Family of each Militia Man, and fifty pounds on the Expiration of the service.

It appearing that Colonel Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Chester, had expended three Bushells of salt in salting Beef for the use of the Militia now ordered in the field,

Ordered That the Agents for procuring salt do deliver to the said Colonel Smith three Bushells of salt, taking his receipt for the same.

James Jacks and John Whitehill, Esquires, elected to be representatives in General Assembly, for the county of Lancaster, attended in Council, and presented a written resignation of their commissions as Justices of the peace of the county of Lancaster, and the same was accepted.

The Petition of the Justices and Jurors of the City Court, on behalf of Catherine Rickey, convicted in the last City Court of stealing divers goods, &c., and sentenced to receive Fifteen lashes and pay a certain fine, praying that the Infamous part of the sentence, together with the Fine for the use of the Commonwealth, may be pardoned, was read, and also a copy of the record of conviction.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said Catherine Rickey be pardoned accordingly.

A certificate of the payment of four thousand and thirty pounds by Isaac Hicks, the purchase money for a confiscated Tenement and Lott of land, the Estate of Gilbert Hicks, "sold at a publick auction held at the Court House in Bucks county, for the sales of forfieted Estates (by adjournment) the twenty-fourth day of August, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, signed by George Wall, Agent," was read, together with a draft of the said

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Lott, about forty-seven acres of land, including five Lotts, as the same is certified to be recorded in Book D, vol 2, page 59, &c., of the records of the county of Bucks, signed by John Hart, Deputy recorder, on which is endorsed a certificate that the Lotts therein mentioned are the same, which were sold at the aforesaid vendue, for the said sum of Four thousand and thirty pounds, signed by George Wall, Agent for the said county. An instrument of writing, signed by the said Isaac Hicks, dated the fourth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, purporting to be quit claim of the right derived to him from the said sale of the premises to William Goforth, his heirs and assigns, for the consideration therein mentioned, was also read; Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Deed of Conveyance be signed according to law, granting the said five Lotts, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to the said Isaac Hicks, his heirs and assigns, and that the said Deed bear date the eighteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, the day on which the purchase Money was paid, as appears by the said Quitt claim; and thereupon a Deed was executed accordingly, and the Secretary directed to deliver the same to the said Goforth.

The Petition of Ann Shroudy, praying permission for herself and her Niece, Jane Lourey, to go into the city of New York, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

The Petition of John Saxton, of Bristol Township, in the county of Bucks, praying permission to go into the city of New York, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

The two following receipts, dated October the Twenty-first, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, signed by Stephen Balicott, Agent for the county of Northampton, for money paid by William Smith, of the city of Philadelphia, were read, viz:— One for the sum of seventeen thousand and fifty-six pounds, being the full consideration Money for the one-half of an undivided Tract of land, situate on Bushkill Creek, in Forks Township, Northampton county, containing in the whole Eight hundred and thirty-two acres, late the property of John Young, confiscated and sold to the said William Smith by Public Vendue, at Easton, the twenty-third day of September last.

The other receipt, for the sum of six thousand four hundred and fifty-five pounds and fifteen shillings, being the full consideration Money for the one-half of an undivided tract of land situate on Monakasy Creek, in Bethlehem Township, Northampton county, containing in the whole, four hundred and sixteen and an half acres, late the property of the said John Young, confiscated and sold to the said William Smith, at Easton, on the said Twenty-third of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine; and drafts of the said two tracts of Land, signed by George Palmer, and certified by the said Ballicott, being read,

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Ordered, That a Deed of Conveyance, granting the one-half of each of the said two tracts of Land to the said William Smith, be executed according to Law, and that the said Deed bear date the said Twenty-first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and the same was done accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, November 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

The Inhabitants of Reams Town having, in support of their Petition, sent in sundry affidavits against the Deputy Quarter Masters at that place,

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the Assistant Quarter Master General, and that he be also informed that, from enquiry made, it is the opinion of this Board that a Post at Reams Town is not necessary for the Publick service, but that if it is to be continued, a change shou'd be made in the officers, and enquiry had as to the Buildings, and other expenses had there, which are represented as enormous and unnecessary.

The application of Mr. Nixon, in behalf of the owners of the Brigg Active, having been read and considered,

Resolved, That the extending the allowance of salt farther than to the Vessel importing, wou'd be attended with many inconveniences, and wou'd be contrary to the rule laid down by the Board; But that the Commissioners of salt be authorized to deliver Mr. Nixon or his order, or permit him to reserve Thirty Bushells of the salt which came in the sloop Active.

Joseph Fox having given information to the Council that he has in his possession part of two Nests of Brass Kettles, weighing three hundred and fifty-two pounds Weight, remaining of a Number purchased by him for the Publick,

Ordered, That the said Kettles be delivered to George Henry, who is desired to call therefor.

Petition of divers officers of the ship General Greene, praying to know whether or not they are considered as the officers of the Navy of this Commonwealth, under the resolution of the General Assembly of the Twenty-fourth of March last, was read; and on Consideration,

Resolved, That they are not within the said resolve, the said ship not being at that time in Commission.

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The Petition of Ann Winters, convicted of stealing, and having suffered Corporal Punishment, praying that the Fines adjudged to be paid by her to the use of the State be remitted; being read and considered,

Ordered, That the said fines be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, for the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the State Fleet, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Mease, for the sum of Fourteen thousand nine hundred and forty pounds, for four hundred and ninety-eight bushells of salt, at thirty pounds per Bushell, delivered agreeable to order of the President, to Captain Pickering and Company.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull for the sum of Three thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen employed at the President's House, and for the necessary Materials, for which he is to account.

The Petition of Ann Nicholson, praying a pass to New York for herself and daughter, was read and rejected.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the sale of the ship General Greene, Reported, that they had been attended by the Agents and by Captain Montgomery, and that an affidavit, made by Colonel Bradford, who acted as auctioneer, had been laid before them, and that it appeared that the Sale, so far as regarded the Purchasers, was fair; But that it had been attended with circumstances of haste and precipitation, both in the shortness of time in advertising, and also of the sale, the same being had in the absence of one of the Agents, who protested against it, as soon as he knew thereof; That the sale was had sooner than was generally expected, in consequence whereof, many bidders were disappointed, and the State has suffered materially in Interest, the Price being Generally deemed inadequate to the Value.

Resolved, That the said report be accepted, and the propriety of Communicating the same to the Honorable House of Assembly, be farther considered to Morrow Morning.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, November 5th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, late Vice President, for the sum

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of Two thousand pounds, in part of his salary, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable John Hambright, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

Mr. Bryan, Mr. Peale, and Mr. Schreiner, a Committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, attended in Council, and proposed to the Consideration of the Council, Wednesday next as the day for Electing a President and Vice President.

WHEREAS, Complaints have been made to us by Captain William Heysham, one of the Commissioners for procuring salt, that he hath been grossly insulted by Ludwig Kuhn, of this City, on that account; And the said Complaint having been supported by sundry affidavits,

Resolved, That the said Ludwig Kuhn attend this Board on Monday next at twelve O'clock, to answer the said Complaint, or in failure thereof, this Board will issue process against him; And that a copy of the above be served on Ludwig Kuhn.

Resolved, That the Secretary write to Captain Heysham to advise him of the above.

Application having been made to this Board by the Managers of the House of employment, for fifty Barrells of Flour and ten Bushells of salt, untill the Taxes are collected,

Resolved, That the same be farther considered.

A Letter from the President of Congress was read, enclosing a resolve against opening Land offices.

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, The Salt Works belonging to this State, in New Jersey, have been attended with great expence, and no advantage to the Publick, and the manager being dead,

Resolved, That the said Works be sold at Publick Vendue, under the direction of Colonel Hagner, who is also directed to apply to George Clymer, Esquire, in whose Name the conveyance was executed for the Premisses, in order that a Deed may be made by him to the President of the State. That Colonel Hagner do wait on the Board for instructions before he proceed to the sale.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, November 6th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Mr. Moore, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Reed, Doctor Gardner.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, November 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messieurs William Will, Mathew Irwin, George Henry, and other commissioners, for procuring salt in the city and Liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying for the salt by them procured, for which they are to account.

Ludwig Kuhn, agreeable to the order of Council of the Sixth Instant, attended, and being called in, and the charge against him by Captain Heysham being mentioned to him, He acknowledged that he had used very gross and insulting language to the said Heysham, and threatened to throw him into the Dock; and in the course of his Examination on this subject, he, the said Kuhn, behaved himself in a contemptuous manner to this Board.

On consideration,

Ordered, That he be committed to the Goal of the county, and there confined untill he be delivered in due course of Law.

On application,

Resolved, That Samuel Morris and company be permitted to export a Quantity of codfish, taken by the privateer General Mercer, and brought into this Port.

The Council assumed the consideration of the sale of the ship General Greene; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be laid before the Honourable House of General Assembly, for their advice thereupon.

On consideration,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Council, that some inconveniences will attend the Election of President and Vice President on Wednesday next, and therefore propose that the said Election be held on Thursday next, of which Notice is to be given to the committee of the Honourable House of Assembly.

The Council resumed the consideration of the return for sheriffs and coroners of the county of York; and thereupon,

Resolved, That William Rowan be appointed and commissioned to be sheriff of the County of York, and Joseph Adlem be appointed and commissioned to be coroner of the said County.

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William Rowan, Esquire, appointed to be sheriff of the County of York, now proposing Mathew McCall and William Dougherty, of Chanceford Township, in the said County of York, to be his sureties for the faithfull performance of his office as sheriff of the said County of York; and the same were approved of.

Captain Samuel Williams, Master of the Brigg Polly, having applied to this Board for permission to sail to Count D'Estaing's Fleet, with the following cargo, viz: Forty-nine Tierces of Beef, fifty-two Barrells of Pork, one hundred Barrells of Flour, Fifty Barrells of Beer, four hundred and eighty-one barrells of Bread, and Nine hundred and forty-four ropes of Onions. And Monsieur Oster, Vice Consul of France, having certified the destination of the said Vessel, and requested permission therefor,

Resolved, That upon Captain Williams making oath before the Naval officer of the court, that the above is a true account of the cargo on Board his vessel, and that he will not take on Board his vessel any provisions other than as above expressed, without permission from the authority of this State; therefor, He be cleared out in the Usual form.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 9th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable Mr. Moore, Doctor Gardiner, and
Mr. Read, Captain Hambright.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Moore, Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Reed.
Mr. Lacey,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Armstrong, paymaster, for the sum of eight thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen late employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

An application from General Roberdeau, for payment of one thousand weight of Lead, was read.

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Ordered, That the Secretary do acquaint General Roberdeau, that an order will issue for payment, upon producing the receipt by the officer authorised by the Board, and that the same will be paid for at a reasonable price, having respect to the place and time of delivery; But that this Board have never had any information before how far their orders were complied with or accepted.

The Petition of Elizabeth Rapp, praying a Pass to New York, was read and rejected.

The Committee of Council, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Honourable House of General Assembly upon the time and place of Electing, by the Joint Ballot of the Members of the House and of Councill, a President and Vice President of this Council, Report:

That having conferred with the Committee of the House upon the subject Committed to them, it is agreed that the Honourable House of Assembly will meet in the Council Chamber to Morrow Morning at Eleven O'clock, and proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President, agreeable to the Constitution; That after the said Election is finished, the Council and Assembly proceed to the Court House, and there make Proclamation of the President and Vice President so chosen; And the Committee submit to the Council the order of Procession.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Read,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Gardiner, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright.

The Clerke of the Honourable House of General Assembly attended in Council, and informed that the House was now ready to proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do attend the Honourable House, and inform the House that the Council is now ready to receive the House in the Council Chamber, and to Proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President of the Council.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House and the General Assembly attended in Council, and thereupon the Secretary of the Council and the Clerke of the House, proceeded to take the votes for President; And the Votes were as follows, viz:

For Joseph Reed, Esquire.
For William Moore, Esqr.

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The General Assembly and Council then proceeded to the choice of a Vice President; And the Votes were as follows, viz:

For William Moore, Esqr.
For James Read, Esqr.

And thereupon it was declared that Joseph Reed, Esquire, was then duly elected to be President; and

William Moore, Esquire, was then duly elected Vice President.

And the following declaration of the said Election being read, was signed by his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the members of Council then present; And the same was also signed by the Honourable John Bayard, Esquire, Speaker of the House of General Assembly, and by the Members of the House of General Assembly then present, to Wit:

Joseph Reed, President,	Joseph Gardner,	Jacob Arndt,
William Moore,	James Read,	John Hambright,
John Lacy, Junior,		
John Bayard, Speaker,	Joseph McClean,	Joseph Serrits,
George Bryan,	Edward Heston,	David Thomas,
William Hollingshead,	William Coates,	Henry Hayes,
Jacob Schreiner,	Dan'l Heester, Jun'r,	James Boyd,
Michael Shubart,	Gerardus Wynkoop,	Patrick Anderson,
Char's Wilson Peale,	William Scott,	Joseph Park,
Robert Knox,	Arthur Watts,	William Harris,
John Smilie,	John Whitehill,	Christian Lower, Jr.
John Gilchrist,	James Dicks[illegible],	Jonathan Jones,
Christopher Kucher,	David Dunwoody,	John Ralston,
William Browne,	John Orr,	John Burd,
William Porter,	David Kennedy,	Joseph Powell,
James Jacks,	Jonathan Hoge,	Robert Martin,
William Browne,	Sebastian Levan,	Samuel Dale.

And the said Declaration was in the following Words, to wit:

To all People to whom these presents shall come, or may Concern, The General Assembly and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Send Greeting:

Know Ye, That we, the representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the President and other Members of the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President and Vice President of the said Council, have, agreeable to the direction of the Nineteenth Section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly and fairly Elected and chosen by Ballott, His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President of the said Supreme Executive Council, and the Honourable William Moore, Esquire, Vice President; And to the end, that due regard and Obedience may be paid to them in the Execution of their respective offices on all occasions, We do hereby make known and declare, that the said

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Joseph Reed, Esquire, is the President, and the said William Moore, Esquire, is the Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council.

In Testimony whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, the Eleventh day of November, in the Fourth Year of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

And the said Joseph Reed is hereby Proclaimed to be Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed Unanimously, That the said Declaration of the Election of the President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, be publickly read at the Court house, in the city of Philadelphia, by the Secretary of the Council, and that the Secretary of the Council do then Proclaim the President in the following words, viz: And the said Joseph Reed, Esquire, is hereby proclaimed to be the President of the said Supreme Executive Council, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed, that the Order of the Procession to the Court House be as follows, to Wit:

Constables with their staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.
Coroner with his wand.
Judge of the Supreme Court.
Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Judge of the Admiralty, and Marshall of the Admiralty.
Treasurer of the State, and Attorney General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President, and Honour'e the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Doorkeeper of the Council.
Serjant at Arms with the Mace.
The Honourable the Speaker of the House.
Clerke of the House and his assistant.
Members of the General Assembly, two and two.
Citizens.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, November 12th, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacy, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read, Doctor Gardner.

The Secretary Reports that the Declaration of the President and Vice President, was read at the Court house yesterday, and the President Proclaimed according to Order of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Jacob Arndt, Esquire, for the sum of Five hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the Agents in whose hands the Publick Salt is deposited, be directed to deliver to Robert Campbell, of the county of Lancaster, or his order, seventeen and an half Bushells of salt, and take his receipt for the same, he, the said Campbell, having delivered into the State Store Thirty-five Barrells of Flour.

A return of the General Election of the County of Cumberland being now made, was read, and it appears that the following Gentlemen were elected, viz:

Councellor.—Robert Whitehill.

Represent's.—Colonel's Abraham Smith, Samuel Cuthbertson and Frederick Watt, and Jonathan Hodge, John Harris, William McDowell and Ephraim Steele, Esquires.

Sheriffs.—James Johnston and Thomas Gibson.

Coroners.—William Holmes and John Jordan.

Commissioner.—John Pollock, (Malster.)

Assessors.—John Heap, William Blaine, John Lyon, William Finley, John Carson, and Joseph Junkin.

On consideration,

Ordered, That James Johnston, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, and William Holmes be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said County.

John Johnston, Esquire, now proposes Thomas Johnston, John Johnston, and John Boggs, as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office as Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, and the same are approved of.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, November 13th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Read	Mr. Hambright.

The following Message from the Council to the Honourable House of General Assembly being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be signed by his Excellency the President, and the Secretary directed to present the same to the Honourable House of Assembly.

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The short space of time which has elapsed since our address to the late assembly has produced but few events sufficiently interesting to become objects of your attention. The advanced season of the year seems almost to forbid the hope of any thing more decisive; but when we look back and take a general view of the operations and events of the Campaign, we shall find sufficient cause to acknowledge the favour and goodness of Providence, and to congratulate you on the happy state of Publick affairs.

While the efforts of the Enemy have been Feeble, spiritless and indecisive, our defensive system has been supported with firmness and effect in every part of America, and when it has been departed from, the Bravery, discipline and good conduct of our officers and soldiers have been eminently conspicuous.

The seasonable and generous assistance of the Count D'Estaing, and the Gallant force under his command, tho' not attended with all the success which our sanguine expectations suggested, may justly be reckoned among the happy events of the year, as it has disconcerted the Plans of the Enemy, been attended with success in capturing many of their vessels, and is, in every respect, a fresh proof of the Magnanimity and attention of our allies, which will justly endear them to every sincere Lover of his Country.

The expeditions under General Sullivan and Colonel Broadhead, will, we hope, have the happy effects to make the Savages of the wilderness dread the weight of the American arms, and give that safety and security to the distressed Frontiers which were the great objects of the Expedition. But as few marks of submission or humiliation have been manifested, and from some late appearances on the frontiers of Bedford and Northumberland, the Inhabitants seem to be under great apprehensions and alarm, we cou'd not think it

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prudent to depend so far on the success as to admit the necessary preparation to repel any incursions which distress or revenge may induce the enemy to make, and have, therefore, procured a considerable to be stationed in such places as will be most likely to answer this desirable purpose, and ease the minds of the good people in that quarter.

Our domestic tranquility has been interrupted by some unhappy commotions, to which free States have in all ages been subject.

We trust they are rather to be considered as the casual overflowings of liberty than proceeding from avowed licentiousness, or contempt of Publick authority, and as it is the first, and we hope will be the last instance, where Individuals will take the Vindication of their Zeal, or apprehended injuries, into their own hands, and as the discussions will be painfull to their fellow citizens and open a breach we wish to see closed, we submit it to your consideration, whether an act of oblivion and indemnity will not have a happy tendency to compose the minds of the people, and in its effects prove more beneficial to the Publick interests, than a rigorous pursuit of legal measures.

The institution of a Court of Errors, and a revisal of the Law respecting clandestine marriages, were formerly recommended to the Assembly of this State, but the Multiplicity and pressure of other objects have hitherto Excluded them from Publick view.

The time appears to us favourable, and they involve considerations so very Interesting to the liberty and happiness of the State, that we wou'd wish so see them meet with a due share of attention.

The Counterfeiting the Currency of the United States, has made such an alarming progress in some parts of the State, as to require a severe and immediate Check. The Counterfeiting the Emissions of an early date is by special Act of Assembly a capital crime, while the same practice is only punishable at Common Law in the case of late emissions, which has occasioned a distinction of Punishments for the said offence, by no means consonant to the principles of reason and justice, or the feelings of Mankind; We wou'd therefore, recommend the passing a Law subjecting all offenders to penal and equal Punishments.

The other domestic regulations having been referred specially by your predecessors, your vigilance and zeal for the Publick service and the interests of the State, make it unnecessary for us to enumerate them.

The supplies of the Army, tho' attended with very heavy expence, we have hitherto been able to compass so as to draw the gratefull acknowledgments of the Troops for this just attention to their necessities.

We shall in a few days forward both to officers and Men, so compleat a supply of Cloathing, both in Quantity and Quality, as will enable them to meet the rigours of the approaching season with ease and chearfulness.

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But while we contemplate with gratefull satisfaction the general prospect of Public and domestic affairs, we cannot help expressing our concern and apprehensions on the state of Publick Credit. The depreciation of the Currency and its fatal consequences to the Honour and interest of America, seem now so generally felt and acknowledged, that we trust a safe and sure foundation is laid for the success of any measures which may be adopted to check this growing and alarming evil.

How far any State can safely adopt a separate system on a matter of so great and general concern, we cannot venture to decide, but we can have no doubt the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania will countenance and promote every measure that will tend to establish the Publick ffaith, and fix it upon a solid basis of truth and justice. We shall think our time and labour devoted to the most valuable purposes, if we render the Publick any service on this important point, and in every other shall endeavour as far as depends on us, to forward the business of the State with dispatch, utility, and mutual satisfaction.

The Secretary will deliver you sundry resolves of the Honourable, the Continental Congress of the United States, on Matters of great importance to the General Interests, and also, several other Publick papers from our Sister States, which we must recommend to your serious consideration.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Novr. 13th, 1779.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Monday, November 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read,	

His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, in consequence of his election to that office on Thursday last, now took the oath of allegiance and the oath of office required by the Constitution of the State. And the Honourable William Moore, Esquire, Vice President, elected to that office on Thursday last, took the oath of allegiance and the oath of office required by the Constitution.

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Frederick Watts, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, having been elected one of the representatives of the said county in General Assembly, sent in a resignation of his said office of Justice of the Peace, dated the thirteenth day of this present Month, on which day the same was delivered to the Secretary of the Council. The same was now read and accepted.

The Memorial of divers persons, Managers of a Charitable Society, setting forth in Effect the great necessities of the poor of this city for Wood to supply them in the ensuing Winter, that a quantity of woodland on Lancaster road, about Four Mile from this City, belonging to some person in England, or elsewhere, now absent, has been entered upon and the Timber thereof cut down by some persons, as they apprehend, not duly authorised so to do, and praying the sanction of this Council to cut down as much of said Wood as may answer the present extreme necessity of the Poor, having the same duly and fairly valued by impartial persons, and the price thereof lodged in the public funds, or in the Hands of such persons as the Council may appoint, being now read and considered,

Resolved, That the Memorialists, to Wit: William Bradford, Tench Francis, James Ashe, Isaac Melchior, William Hall, Andrew Tybout, David Duncan, William Millar, William Forbes, Thomas Shields, and Joseph Copperthawte, have the sanction of this Board to Cut down and apply the Wood on the said Land to the purpose set forth in the Memorial. That they be directed to have the same Valued on Oath, and deposit the amount of the valuation in the hands of the Treasurer of this State, taking his receipt for the same, and report thereon to this Council. And that the said Memorialists be authorized to prevent any other Persons from Cutting or Carrying away Wood of any kind from the said Land.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds, in part of his Salary, for which he is to account.

A Letter from the Delegates of Pensylvania in Congress, enclosing a resolve of Congress, informing the Council, &c., that the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Most Christian Majesty, the King of France, will receive his audience of Congress on Wednesday next, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Samuel Atlee, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and sixty-nine pounds, the ballance of his account, for his attendance in Congress from the Twenty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and Seventy-Eight, to the twelfth day of November, one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-nine.

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The following Proclamation was read and considered, *Ordered*, That the same be published.

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Publick necessities do not admit of a free exportation of Provisions; Wherefore, the said Council do hereby continue the embargo on the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Oats, Spelts, Barley, Indian Corn, Beef, Pork, and other Victuals, whether alive or dead, from this State to any parts or places beyond Sea, other than for the necessary use of the Master and Mariners; and for that purpose do forbid the clearing out or dispatch of any Ship or Vessel on which any such Goods and Victuals shall be laden, of which the Naval Officer and all Merchants, Shippers, Captains of Vessels, and others concerned, are hereby required to take Notice, and Govern themselves accordingly. This Embargo to continue Thirty days from the date of these presents, and no longer, but not to extend to hinder the taking in necessary stores of Ships of War or Merchant Vessels, for the respective Cruises or Voyages; nor to prevent the transportation of provisions for the Armies of the United States, or the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty. Such Transportation to be Licenced, in every instance, by the Council.

Given by order of Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—TIM'Y MATLACK, *Secret'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Novem'r 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read, and

Samuel Cuthbertson, Esquire, Elected a Member of General Assembly, sent in a resignation of his office of Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, and the same was read and accepted.

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The Honourable House of General Assembly having sent in their Minute of the Election of Delegates of the State to serve in Congress, the same was read, by which it appears that the following named gentlemen were Elected, Viz't: John Armstrong, James Searle, Frederick Mulenberg, James McClean, and William Shippen, Esquires.

A representation from Captain Stiles of the low price of Storeage paid him for storing of Gun Powder, was read; and, on consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Stiles be allowed and paid by the owners of Gun Powder, stored in the Publick Stores, the sum of Twenty Shillings per Barrell per Month.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of three thousand pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Frederick Muhlenberg, for the sum of Three thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a member of the Congress, for which he is to account.

The application of the Managers of the House of employment being again considered,

Resolved, That Mr. Turnbull do lend them fifty Barrells of Flour, and that he do also give a certificate in their favour or direction, to the Commissioners for procuring Salt, to Furnish them with Ten Bushells of Salt, they accounting therefor with Mr. Turnbull, as soon as the circumstances of the House of employment will admit.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Novem'r 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr Hambright.

WHEREAS, The frequent applications of Persons to go to New York, is attended with many Inconveniences, and delay of Publick business.

Resolved, therefore, That the Secretary do give Notice that all persons desirous to go into the Enemies lines, are to apply within ten days from this date, giving to his office their Names, and those of their Securities, not to return without leave. After which time no applications will be receiv'd untill the first of February next.

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The Council having several days ago receiv'd information from Congress, that the Chevalier D'La Luzerne was this day to receive his Publick audience, The Honourable Mr. Searle and Mr. Muhlenberg waited on the Council, and informed them that the Committee appointed to wait on and introduce into the Congress the Chevalier D'La Luzerne, were gone out to receive him, and that Congress had ordered the Bar on the right hand of the Entrance into their room for the reception of the Council and General Assembly. And thereupon, his Excellency the President and Council attended the said audience.

The Council having received the resolve of General Assembly respecting the sale of the ship General Greene,

Ordered, That the Agents of the ship General Greene, and Mr. George Henry, be desired to attend this Board to-Morrow at Twelve O'Clock, when the sale of the ship General Greene will be taken into Consideration.

A resolve of General Assembly, respecting Captain Irwin's company, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board are of opinion that it may be proper to make some allowance in money to Captain Irwin's company, at the expiration of their service, to be paid to such as do faithfully continue in the service to the end of the time of their enlistment.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, for the sum of Two thousand pounds, on account of his salary as Vice President.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, November 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Read, and

A Letter from Colonel Broadhead, dated Pittsburgh, was read.

The Honourable Woodbury Langdon, Esquire, delegate in Congress from the State of New Hampshire, applied to Council for permission to take with him to the said State, in the Schooner Hannah and Molly, David Lathan, Master, Twelve Barrells of Flour, for his own family use.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Naval officer be directed to permit twelve Barrells of Flour to be shipped in the said Schooner accordingly.

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An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Smith, Esquire, for seventy-four pounds, nine shillings and six pence, the amount of the claim of William Rankin on the Estate of James Rankin, decreed him by the Supreme Court, with interest on the sum of sixty-nine pounds thereof from the year 1762.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Smith, Esquire, for the sum of three thousand and fifteen pounds, the amount of the claim of John Rankin on the Estate of James Rankin, late of the county of York, decreed him, the said John, by the Supreme Court.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Smith, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds, nine shillings and six pence, together with interest on the sum of Fifty pounds from the year 1773, the amount of the claim of Anne Noblett on the estate of James Rankin, late of York county, decreed to her by the Supreme Court.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, November 19th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH READ, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read,	Doctor Gardiner.

Christian Wirts, of the Borough of Lancaster, produced a receipt for the sum of Fourteen thousand and four hundred, signed by Charles Wilson Peale, Agent, the same being the full consideration for a house and Lott, situate on the south-Westerly corner of Walnut and Front streets, containing, in Breadth, North and South, about Nineteen feet, and extending east and West eighty feet, late belonging to David Sproat, seized and sold according to Law.

And thereupon, a Deed was executed, according to Law, conveying and confirming the said house and lot of ground to the said Christian Wirtz, his heirs and assigns.

WHEREAS, The Honourable the Board of War, at the request of this Board, did, some time ago, deliver Two thousand coats to the commissioner of cloathing of this State, as their quota of the cloathing on hand; Other deficiencies to be made up by the Exertions of this Board; And it being now represented that the said delivery has been productive of discontent, tho', in the opinion of this Council, without the least Just reason; Yet being desirous even to remove groundless uneasiness,

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Resolved, That the said two thousand coats be deemed to belong to the United States, and be under the direction of their clothier, as if no such delivery had been ever made to the clothier of this State. But the same being now cased and Packed, they go forward, and to be under the direction of the commander-in-chief, who will order in this matter with his usual prudence and Justice to the State.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Benjamin Crofts, for one hundred and twenty pounds, for forty pound weight of candles, at eight Dollars per pound.

WHEREAS, This Board has made all possible Inquiry into the circumstances of the sale of the ship General Greene, and endeavoured as much as possible to prevent the loss which, it has been agreed by both branches of the Legislature, the State has sustained on the Occasion, but the same not having had the desired effect,

Resolved, That the Agents receive the purchase money, and deliver the ship, without further loss of time.

The following Message from the Council to the General Assembly, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be signed by his Excellency the President, and the Secretary directed to deliver the same to the Honourable the Speaker of the Assembly.

Message from the Council to the General Assembly.

Gentlemen,

The Justices of the Peace of this City have represented that there are at present great abuses on the Publick Wharves, with respect to Wood, which will soon affect the citizens in General, and the poor in particular. The regulations by which these abuses were heretofore restrain'd having been formed upon bye-laws of the corporation, which have now ceased, we wou'd recommend to your Honourable House the enacting a law for vesting sufficient powers in the Justices of the peace of the city, or some other Publick Body, for correcting the abuses complained of.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Nov'r 19th, 1779.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Rhoads, for the sum of Fifty-five pounds six shillings, amount of his claim against the estate of Alexander Bartram, decreed him by the Supreme Court.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Mary Moore, for the sum of Five hundred and Nineteen pounds twelve shillings and ten pence, the amount of her claim on the estate of Oswald Eve, decreed her by the Supreme Court.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, November 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hambright, Doctor Gardner.

The following Message from the Council to the General Assembly being read,

Ordered, That the same be signed by his Excellency the President, and the Secretary directed to deliver the same to the Honourable Speaker of the General Assembly.

Message from the Council to the General Assembly:

Gentlemen,

The Secretary waits on you with sundry Publick papers, which it is our duty to lay before you for your consideration.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Nov'r 20th, 1779.

List of papers sent into the House of Assembly with the foregoing Message.

Letter from the Auditor General of accounts, of the Twelfth of November, 1779, enclosing the order of the Treasury Board, of October 21st, and the state of the accounts between Congress and the State of Pensylvania.

Letter from the President of Congress, of the 18th of November, 1779, enclosing two acts of Congress of the Twelfth and Sixteenth of November instant; one respecting the companies of Artificers, and the other on the subject of Courts Martial.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, November 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Town Major brought before the Council Patrick Keane, Lieutenant of the Roman Catholic Regiment of Volunteers in the British Service, and he being examined,

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Ordered, That Colonel Nichola be desired to observe closely the conduct of Lieutenant Keane.

Petition of Samuel Emlen and Thomas Fisher, requesting permission for William Portsmouth Logan, a child of about seven or eight years old, to pass into New York, to go from thence to England, was read.

A resolve of General Assembly of the Nineteenth Instant, respecting the bounds between this State and the State of Virginia, and also one respecting the claim of Connecticut to lands within this State, were read.

Ordered, That the same be forwarded to the Executive authorities of the said States respectively.

Resolved, That the Captains of the Gallies make return of the names of the several Commissioned and Non-Commissioned officers and Privates under their command, that the same be made as is usual in the Army, under oath, and then be sent to Colonel Farmer, Commissary of Cloathing and Stores, and that on Wednesday, or as soon after as convenient, the Men attend, agreeable to the returns, at the Store in Race street, under their officers, there to receive their cloathing, and that Colonel Farmer send to the Council the said returns, and an account of their cloathing delivered.

Passes to Mary Cassan, Margery Fair, aad Amie Mitchell, to go into the City of New York, were signed, they having respectively given security not to return again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, November 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, the President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Lacey, and

A resolve of Congress of the Nineteenth of November Instant, respecting the regulations of prices, being now read,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Honourable House of General Assembly by the Secretary.

The Honourable House of General Assembly having sent into the Council a resolve of the Twenty-second Inst., the same was read, and is as follows, vizt:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Monday, 22d November, 1779.

On Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Bryan, Mr. Peale, and Mr. Coates, be a committee to wait upon the President and Council, and desire them to

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take proper and Efficacious Methods to secure the great seal of the late Province of Pensylvania.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do call on the keeper of the Great Seal of the late province of Pensylvania, and demand and receive the said great Seal.

The record of Conviction of Thomas Peadly, found guilty of Felony at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at York Town, for the county of York, on the Eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and then and there sentenced to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being now read; the Petition of the said Thomas Peadly being also read, together with the recommendation of divers persons of the said Peadly for Mercy, and the same being duly considered,

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued under the less Seal of the said State for execution of the said sentence, on Wednesday the eighth day of December next, and that a Pardon be issued under the Great Seal.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of James Boyd, found guilty of Highway Robbery, and the sentence passed upon him that he be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the said Sentence be executed on Wednesday the eighth day of December next, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued under the less Seal of the State.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of Henry Trout, found guilty of Felony, in uttering, &ca., at the said Court, and the sentence passed upon him that he be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the said Sentence be executed on Wednesday the eighth day of December next, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued, under the less Seal of the State.

A Transcript of the record of conviction of Nathaniel Patton, found guilty of passing Counterfeit Money, at the said Court, and the Sentence passed upon him that he be Hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being now read, the Petition of the said Nathaniel Patton, and the same being duly considered,

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on Wednesday the eighth day of December next, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued, under the less Seal of the State.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of George Fletzer, found guilty of Murder, at the said Court, and the sentence passed upon him, that he be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being now read; the Petition of Ann Elizabeth Fletzer being also read, together with the Petition of the said Ann, and recommendation of the Jury to the Judges of the Supreme Court, and being duly considered,

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Ordered, That a Warrant be issued, under the less Seal of the State, for Execution of the said sentence on Wednesday the eight day of December next; And that a reprieve be issued for Thirty days, under the said Seal.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of Robert Story, found guilty of Murder, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at the Town of Carlisle, for the County of Cumberland, the eighteenth day of October last, and then and there sentenced to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead, being now read;

The Petition of Sundry inhabitants in and near the said Town of Carlisle, being also read, and the same being duly considered,

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued, under the less Seal of the State, for Execution of the said sentence on Saturday the Eleventh day of December next.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of Christopher Shocky, found guilty of uttering counterfeit Money, at the said Court, and the sentence passed upon him that he be Hanged by the Neck 'till he be dead, being now read,

Ordered, That the sentence be executed on Saturday the Eleventh day of December next, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued, under the less Seal of the State.

A Transcript of the record of Conviction of Thomas Madden, found guilty of Highway Robbery, at the said Court, and the sentence passed upon him that he be Hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, Being now read,

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on Saturday the Eleventh day of December next, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued, under the less Seal of the State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, November 24th, 1779, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn in favour of Mr. Robert Aitkin, for the sum of Sixty-two dollars, for Eleven quires of Paper purchased for the use of the Council.

A manifest of the Cargo of the Schooner Hannah and Molly, David Latham, commander, Bound to Boston, certified by Joseph Pennel, was read, by which it appears that eighty Barrells of Bread, one hundred and Twenty-six Barrs of Iron, Two hundred and twenty Barrells of Tar, and twenty Barrells of Turpentine, are shipped in her, on account of the United States; Whereupon,

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Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the said Schooner Hannah and Molly, with her said Cargo.

The Honourable the Chevalier de La Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty, attended by Monsieur Marbois, paid his Compliments to the President and Council, in the Council Chamber.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favour of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for purchasing the Enumerated articles for the use of the officers and Men of the State Fleet, and also for paying the Butcher, for which sum he is to account.

And in favour of Colonel John Bull, or his order, the sum of Four thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen employed at the President's House, and for the Necessary Materials, for which sum he is to account.

WHEREAS, It is represented to the Council that divers Persons belonging to the Gallies in the State Service, are desirous of being discharged; and the present situation of Publick affairs being such as may, without great inconveniency, admit of a compliance with their desires; therefore,

Resolved, That such persons as are desirous of being discharged from any of the Gallies, do give in their names to the commanding officer of the Gallies, and to the Secretary of the Council, immediately; Whereupon, they will be discharged, unless some good and sufficient reason shall appear to prevent the same being done.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull, or his order, for the sum of seven thousand and seven hundred Dollars, for his services at Billingsport and Mud Island, ending the Twenty-sixth of the present Month.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Jacob Arndt, Esquire, for the sum of Four hundred and sixty-four pounds ten shillings, the ballance of his account for his attendance in Council, as follows, vizt:

From the first day of February, to the sixth day of March last, inclusive, thirty-four days, at £3, -	£102 00 0
Mileage going and coming 60 Miles, at 2—6 ℔ mile,	15 0
From the Nineteenth day of April, to the 5th day of June last, inclusive, forty-eight days, at £7 10 0,	360 00 0
Mileage going and coming 60 Miles, at 5s, -	30 00 0
From the twenty-eighth day of September last, to the Twenty-third day of November, instant, inclusive, 57 days, at £7 10, - - -	427 10 0
Mileage going and coming 60 Miles, at 5s, - -	30 00 0
	964 10 0
1779, November 12th, Received in part of the above	500 00 0
	£464 10 0

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 25th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, the President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read, and

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Robert Story, ordered on Tuesday last to be executed according to the sentence of the Court, and having consulted the Honourable Mr. McClean, and such other persons now present, as were best acquainted with all the circumstances of his case,

Resolved unanimously, That it is the opinion of this Council, that he be executed, agreeable to the said sentence.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, November 26th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read, and

Passes to John Saxton, Mary Browne, Mary Barber, and Mary Philips, to go into the City of New York, were signed, they having respectively given security not to return again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, November 27th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Lacey, Doctor Gardner.

A return of the General Election of the County of Westmoreland was now receiv'd and read, by which it appears that the fol-

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lowing named Gentlemen were chosen, viz: The Honourable Thomas Scott, Esquire, was elected Councellor; Samuel Sloan, John Proctor, and Isaac Mason, Esquires, Members of Assembly; William Perry and Moses Watson, Esquires, Sheriffs; William Waddle and Michael Rugh, Esquires, Coroners; William Love, Henry Wisby and William Latta, Commissioners; and Jacob Mechlen, John Shepperd, John Wright, William Jack, John Carnahan and Samuel Adams, Assessors.

And on consideration,

Ordered, That William Perry be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland, and William Waddle, Coroner of the said county.

William Perry, now appointed Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland, offered John Perry and Charles Forman, Esquire, of the said county, as surety for the due performance of the said office, which the Council approve of.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of eight thousand pounds, balance of his salary for the last year.

The application of George Lesher respecting the Pay of the Waggons, called forth under the late Warrant of this Board, being considered, and the Law of the State inspected,

Resolved, That full Pay is not allowed by Law 'till the Brigade is formed, which, in this case, was the Twenty-ninth day of October, but that it is the opinion of this Board, half-pay shou'd be allowed to the Waggons which were collected, and necessarily detained from their owners untill the Brigade was compleated, and that it be recommended to the Quarter Master General to make allowance accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, November 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Doctor Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Proctor, paymaster of the County of Westmoreland, for the sum of Three thousand pounds, for paying the Militia of the said County, for which sum he is to account.

Whereas, In the last return of the Election of the County of Bedford, John Piper, Esquire, was returned as a Member of this

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Board, but no resignation having been made to this Board by the Honourable Thomas Urie, Esquire, who is by the Constitution entitled to hold his seat for one year longer, nor hath it appeared to this Board that the said seat in Council is otherwise vacated,

Resolved, That this Board cannot, agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of the State, receive the said Mr. Piper as a Member of the Supreme Executive Council.

Resolved, That Colonel Piper be requested to proceed in the duties of his office of Lieutenant of the County, the above Election Notwithstanding.

The Council taking into their consideration a Certificate from the Honourable Mr. Holker, Consul of France, setting forth that the ship General Greene is chartered for the purpose of lading Nine hundred Barrells of Flour, one hundred and fifty Barrells of Pork, one hundred Barrells of Beef, and to compleate her Cargo with Barrells of Biscuit, if any shou'd be wanted, the whole to be shipped for Martinico, for the sole account and risk of his most Christian Majesty, and for the use of the Royal Navy.

Ordered, That the Naval officer be directed to permit the said ship to receive the said lading, and to clear her out accordingly.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued, agreeable to the recommendation of Congress of the Twentieth day of October last, for a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, which as follows, vizt:

By his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, the Honourable the Congress of the United States of America, by their resolve of the Twentieth day of October last, did recommend in the following words, to wit:

"WHEREAS, it becomes us humbly to approach the Throne of Almighty God with Gratitude and Praise, for the wonders which his Goodness has wrought in conducting our Forefathers to this Western World; for his protection to them and to their Posterity amid difficulties and dangers; for raising us their Children from deep distress to be numbered among the Nations of the Earth; and for arming the hands of Just and Mighty Princes in our deliverance; and especially for that He hath been pleased to Grant us the enjoyment of Health, and so to alter the revolving Seasons that the Earth hath produced her increase in abundance, blessing the labours of the Husbandman, and spreading plenty thro' the land; that He hath prospered Our Arms and those of our Ally, been a Shield to our Troops in the hour of danger, pointed their Swords to Victory, and led them in Triumph Over the Bulwarks of the Foe; that He hath gone with them that went out into the Wilderness against the Savage Tribes; That He hath stayed the hands

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of the spoiler, and turned back his Meditated destruction; that He hath prospered our Commerce, and Given Success to those who sought the Enemy on the face of the deep, and above all, that He hath diffused the Glorious light of the Gospel, whereby, thro' the Meritts of our Gracious Redeemer, we may become the Heirs of his Eternal Glory; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several States to appoint Thursday, the Ninth day of December next, to be a day of Publick and Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God for his Mercies, and of prayer for the Continuance of his favour and protection to these United States; to beseech him that He wou'd be Graciously pleased to influence our Publick Councils, and bless them with Wisdom from on High, with Unanimity, firmness and success; that He wou'd go forth with our Hosts and Crown our Arms with Victory; that He wou'd Grant to his Church the plentifull effusions of divine Grace, and pour out his holy spirit on all Ministers of the Gospel; that He wou'd bless and prosper the means of Education, and spread the light of Christian Knowledge thro' the remotest Corners of the Earth; that He wou'd smile upon the labours of his People, and cause the Earth to bring forth her fruits in abundance, that we may, with Gratitude and Gladness, enjoy them; that He wou'd take into his Holy Protection our illustrious Ally, Give him Victory over his Enemies, and render him signally Great as the Father of his People and the protector of the rights of Mankind; that he wou'd Graciously be pleased to turn the hearts of Our Enemies, and to dispense the blessings of Peace to Contending Nations; that He wou'd in Mercy look down upon us, Pardon all our sins, and receive us into his favour; and, finally, that He wou'd establish the Independence of these United States upon the Basis of Religion and Virtue, and support and protect them in the enjoyment of Peace, liberty and safety."

Wherefore, as well in respect of the said recommendation of Congress as the plain dictates of duty to acknowledge the favour and goodness of Providence, and implore its further protection, We do hereby earnestly recommend to the good People of Pensylvania to set apart Thursday, the Ninth day of December next, for the Pious purposes expressed in the said resolve, and that they abstain from all labour on that day.

Given under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State at Philadelphia, this Twenty-ninth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and in the fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—TIM'Y MATLACK, *Secret'y.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, November 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.

The Council took into Consideration the appointing of a Vendue Master, or Auctioneer, for the City of Philadelphia; and the Petitions of the following named Persons being read, vizt: William Harris, John Gill, James Stephenson, William Bradford, Mathias Bush, William Browne, and Charles Young; the same being balloted for, William Browne, of the City of Philadelphia, was elected; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said William Browne be appointed and Commissioned Vendue Master, or Auctioneer, of the City of Philadelphia, during pleasure.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of Forty-two pounds, ten shillings and ten pence, advanced by him for Fire Wood for the use of the Council, over and beside the sum of six hundred and Seventy-two pounds drawn by him, the Twenty-Ninth of October last, for that purpose.

A Certificate, dated the Twenty-third day of November instant, signed by William Will and Robert Smith, Agents for Confiscated Estates in the City of Philad'a, of payment of Thirty-nine thousand one hundred pounds, by George Haynes, (by James Crawford, his agent on that behalf,) being the full Consideration Money for an House and Lott of Ground, situate on the North side of Mulberry Street, in the said City, between Front and Second Streets, the Lott beginning at Mulberry Street aforesaid; thence extending by ground of John Gillingham, North one hundred and two feet; thence by Front street lotts West two feet three Inches; thence North forty-two feet six Inches; thence East two Feet six Inches; thence North twenty-seven feet six Inches; thence by a ten feet alley leading into Front street East fifteen feet; thence North seventeen feet six Inches; thence by Ground late of Damaris Chick West sixty feet; thence by Second street lotts south forty-five feet; thence West Twenty-four feet six Inches; thence south Twenty feet; thence East thirty-four feet seven Inches; thence south forty-two feet six Inches; thence east two feet eight Inches; thence south One hundred and two feet to Mulberry Street aforesaid; thence along said street East Twenty-four feet eight Inches to the place of beginning; late the Estate of Samuel Shoemaker, confiscated and sold to the said George Haynes, on the Tenth day

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of August last, at the Court house, in the said City of Philadelphia, being read and Considered,

Ordered, That a Deed of conveyance, granting the said House and Lott to the said George Haynes, be executed according to Law, and that the said Deed bear date the Twenty-Ninth day of November Instant.

And the same was accordingly done.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, December 2nd, 1779.

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President, and

Mr. Lacey.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 3d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, late Vice President of the State of Pensylvania, for the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds, in part of his salary for the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, for which he is to account.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State do receive from John Thompson, of Burlington County, New Jersey, the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, the purchase money of the Salt Works of Pensylvania in the State of New Jersey; and that upon a certificate thereof being presented to this Board, a deed be executed by the President, under the great seal.

Mr. Brown, lately appointed Auctioneer, having proposed William Turnbull and John Wharton as his securities, agreeable to act of Assembly,

Resolved, That they be accepted, and a commission issue immediately.

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On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Farmer be directed to deliver to Major Solomon Bush, or his order, one suit of plain Cloaths.

Resolved, That John McCombs and John Duff be discharged from the State service.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the following named persons be discharged from the State service, agreeable to their request, Viz't:

John Thornton, Clerk to the Fleet.
Robert Work, Gunner.
Edward Traile, Boatswain.
George Harberson, Carpenter.
William Patterson, Steward.
James Catlen, Armourer.

Privates.

Adam Grubb,
Charles White,
John White,
John Pyfer,
Joseph Buck,
Andrew Cassell,
Thomas Scott,
William Sherry,
Daniel McDonald,
Philip Armer,
John Keelon,
John Fox,
Peter Gordon,
James Welsh,
John Huston,
James Mahon,
John Hooton,
George Couser,
Thomas Clare,
Patrick Ryan,
John Hart,
Adam Kerr,
John Robeson,
John Richards,
Benjamin Renesshaw,
Henry Clymer,
Nathan Reynolds,
William Fisher,
Charles Lane,

Privates.

Of the Franklin Galley.

John Daniel, Steward & Clerk.
Timothy Wickstead, Boatswain.
Mathew Love, Gunner.
John Oldfield, Carpenter.

Privates.

James Johnston,
Thomas Oakley,
Nathan Fletcher,
Thomas Gardner,
Jacob Gordon,
Bartholemew Garvey,
John Williams,
William Williams,
William Skilling,
William Leonard,
William Pettre,
Daniel McAlla,
Daniel Murphy,
Patrick Waugh,
Mathias Dollman,
Daniel McKensy,
John Bradley,
John Larder,
William Kamey,

Privates.

Of the Hancock Galley.

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George Daniel, Gunner.
Thomas Thomas, Boatswain.
John Wields, Carpenter.
Timothy Kirby, Steward & Clerk.

Thomas Inkester,	Samuel Ingleson,	
Archibald Kilpatrick,	Adam Growse,	
John Brannor,	John Bell,	
Obadiah Morrison,	Patrick Doras,	
Richard Gibbons,	John Darragh,	
Edmund Houghton,	John Murphy,	
Darby Tooney,	Archibald McFabridge,	
Robert McCullough,	Daniel Cross,	
Arthur Higgons,		
Privates.		Privates.

Of the Chatham Galley.

John Egan,	Thomas Harris,	
William Goudy,	George Johnston,	
Joseph Linney,	George Riddle,	
Isaac Templin,	Duncan McKinsey,	
Hugh Mallow,	John Harris,	
Privates.		Privates.

Of the Lion Guard Boat.

Robert Lee, Gunner.

George Bardea,	Paul McCaskey,	
Joseph Bruton,	James Neal,	
Solomon Boon,	William Knowles &	
Daniel Roan,	Hugh McCagney,	
Privates.		Privates.

Of the Viper Guard Boat.

A return of the Election of a Member of General Assembly, in the room and stead of Archibald Thompson, Esquire, deceased, held for the County of Philadelphia, the Twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, being now read, it appears that Joseph Blewer, Esquire, was elected.

A Letter from Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress, dated November the Twentieth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, was read, and a resolve of Congress enclosed therein, dated March the Sixteenth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

An order was drawn in favour of Mr. Francis Bailey, for the sum of Four thousand eight hundred and seventy three pounds seven shillings and six-pence, the amount of his account for printing work.

An order was drawn in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of Four thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen late employed at Billingsport and Mud Island, for which sum he is to account.

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WHEREAS, By the late Act of Assembly, this Board is authorised and required to reserve such and so many of the Confiscated Estates as may be necessary to Create a fund for the support of the Provost, and other officers of the University of the State:

Resolved, therefore, That the Agents Postpone any further sales of the said Estates, untill the above reservation is made, or farther order given in the premises.

Resolved, That the agents compleat the sales already made, and if any persons have failed to comply with the Terms of sale, the Premisses be deemed the property of the State, as specified in the said Terms, and taken into possession by the Agents accordingly.

And Whereas, The State is bound to Warrantee the Lands and real Estate sold under its authority; it is therefore, our indispensible duty to have such Estates duly and properly described, that future litigation may be prevented, and the State not farther responsible than for the Estates actually sold and value received; Wherefore,

Resolved, That the Agents, together with a certificate of the receipt of the purchase Money, send a particular description of the Lands, or other premisses, duly signed by them, and in case of doubt or difficulty, surveyors to be employed and return to be made accordingly, in which case their Deeds will be immediately executed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, December the 4th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Reed.
Mr. Gardner, and

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of Two thousand pounds, on account of his salary as Secretary.

Owen Faries laid before the Council a Certificate of the Payment of Seventeen thousand and ten Pounds to Colonel George Smith, Agent for forfieted Estates in the County of Philadelphia, being the Purchase money of a Tract of Land, late the Property of Henry Jounkin, forfieted to the State and sold by the said Agent.

And a draft of Survey of the said Land, signed by Robert Loller, and certified by Thomas Hale, one of the Agents for said county, and a Deed granting the same to the said Owen Faries, being read,

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Ordered, That the same be Executed according to Law.

John Thompson, of Burlington County, New Jersey, laid before the Council a receipt signed by David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer, for fifteen thousand Pounds, the sum for which the salt works belonging to the State of Pensylvania, in New Jersey, was sold to him for; and thereupon,

Ordered, That his Excellency the President, do Execute a Deed conveying the said salt works to the said Thompson, his heirs and Assigns.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Board, as well by the Magistrates as others, reputable Inhabitants of the City, that many abuses and frauds are committed in the Measure, as well as Quality of Wood, brought to Public Market; and also, that the Corders and Carters engross the same, so as to accumulate the price, to the great prejudice of the Inhabitants Generally, and distress of the poor in particular,

Resolved, therefore, That it be earnestly recommended to the Justices of the Peace of the City, and Wardens under whose care the Publick wharves are placed, to cause immediate enquiry to be made into these complaints, and to remove from office, and otherwise Punish, the offenders herein, reporting to this Board what regulations may be farther necessary to be made to prevent the like impositions in future.

Resolved, Also, that the Clerk of the Market do give Publick Notice that he is ordered and directed to proceed with severity against all persons forestalling the Markets; that Tavern Keepers suffering provisions to be purchased out of Market, will be deprived of their Licenses, and such purchasers will be punished according to Law.

WHEREAS, A number of the Non-Commissioned officers, and Men of the Gallies, in the service of the State, have signified their desire to be discharged, Viz: Thirty-four from the Franklin Galley; Twenty-three from the Handcock Galley; Twenty-one from the Chatham Galley; Twelve from the Lion Guard Boat, and Nine from the Viper Guard Boat.

Resolved, That Captain Boys, Commander of the Gallies, be and he is hereby authorised to discharge the said officers and Men, agreeable to the list delivered.

The Petition of Mary Miller, convicted of Larceny, and adjudged to pay a fine to the use of the State, was read, setting forth that she is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same,

Ordered, That the said Fine be remitted, and the said Mary Miller discharged from confinement.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.

The Adjudication of the Supreme Court on the case of Sarah Growdon, Widow of Lawrence Growdon, and a Claimant on the Estate of Joseph Galloway, having been laid before the Board,

Resolved, That the same be confirmed, and that an Order be drawn for the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds, the ballance of Money due on the said report.

A Petition from Henry W. Archer, Esq'r, Volunteer Aid-du Camp to General Wayne, and a Captain by Brevet, was laid before the Board.

Whereupon, the Secretary is directed to inform Mr. Archer that the act of Assembly particularly describes the Officers entitled to the benefits thereby given, and that if Mr. Archer is by law entitled, an order will be given him accordingly.

Resolved, That the Secretary write to the Agents of the State Ship for their accounts, &ca., settlement thereof.

A Certificate from the Honourable Mr. Holker, of his agreement with the Owners of the Ship General Mercer, to ship one hundred Barrells of Flour and four hundred Barrells of Buscuit, for the use of the Royal Navy of his most Christian Majesty, to be delivered to the Governor of Dominique, and a letter from the said owners, requesting permission from this Board to ship the same, were read, and, thereupon,

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the said Vessel and Cargo.

Mr. Jeremiah Warder laid before the Council a certificate of the delivery of eighty-two Bushells of Salt to Jacob Barge, for the use of the State; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to procure Salt do pay Mr. Warder for the said Salt, at Thirty pounds per Bushell, they taking a receipt for the same on the said Certificate.

It having been represented to the Council that great delays have been in the collecting of Publick Taxes,

Ordered, That the Commissioners, Assessors and Collectors of the Public State Taxes within the City and Liberties, be directed to attend the President and Council, in the Council Chamber, at the State House, on Wednesday the eighth instant, at four o'clock.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Sarah Growdon, for the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds, Decreed her by the Supreme Court, in lieu of an annuity bequeath'd her

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by the Will of Lawrence Growdon, and payable out of the Estate, late Joseph Galloway's, now forfeited to the State. See entry of this before.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, December 7th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read, and

On consideration,

Ordered, That William C. Bradford, pay master of the State Fleet, be discharged, the State having no farther occasion for his service: And that he be directed to lay his accounts before this Board immediately.

Ordered, That Lodowick Sprogell, late Muster Master of the State, be discharged, the State having no farther occasion for his service at present.

The Petition of Robert Story, now under sentence of death, praying a Pardon, was read, and it appearing that he had discovered to the Goaler of the County of Cumberland, a dangerous plott, laid by his fellow Prisoners, whereby the consequences of the said Plott were prevented,

Ordered, That the said Story be reprieved 'till the first day of March next, and a Warrant made out accordingly.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William C. Bradford, or his order, for the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds, for paying the Officers and Men of the State Fleet, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, December 8th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson, (now returned
General Lacey, and from a visit to his Family.)

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At an adjourned meeting of the Council.

December the Eighth, four o'clock.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

General Lacey, Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Read, and

And also Sixteen of the Commissioners and Assessors of the City and Neighbouring district, agreeable to Notice Given in the Publick Papers.

A free conference, respecting the Collecting the Publick Taxes, having been made, and altho' it appears there are considerable difficulties from various and complicated causes, there is reason to hope that by Vigilance and perseverance, a considerable part of the Tax of Fifteen Millions may be collected within the month of January. And a disposition to Industry and application, and a great unanimity of Sentiment, with respect to the necessity of it, appeared very generally to prevail.

Council adjourned to Friday Morning, at Ten o'clock.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 10th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Sarah Growden, for one hundred and Sixty pounds ten shillings, it being two-thirds of the expences of the Gentlemen appointed to View the Estate late Joseph Galloway's, in Bucks County. The other one-third part to be paid by the said Sarah Growdon, agreeable to the Decree of the Supreme Court.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Lodowick Sprogell, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings, ballance of Money due to him for his services as Muster Master of the State of Pensylvania.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major John Beaton, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five pounds, for

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his services as an Agent for purchasing Wheat and Flour for the State, in Chester County. Thirty days, at Four pounds ten shillings per day.

The Petition of John Palfrey being read and considered, the Council came to the following resolution, to Wit: It appearing that the Petitioner is a Prisoner of War, captured by the Militia of New Jersey, and not a Native or Inhabitant of this State, nor under a Parole to this State, the Board are of opinion the matter lays more properly with the State of New Jersey: added to this, we are of opinion it will be a bad precedent to admit Prisoners of War to take the oaths and release them from Captivity, while we have so many officers in that condition with the Enemy.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, December 11th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright,	Colonel Smith, (now returned from a visit to his Family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Thomas, for the sum of Two hundred and forty-three pounds and ten shillings, the amount of his claim on the Estate of John Custard, decreed him by the Supreme Court, with lawfull Interest on the sum of Two hundred pounds from the Tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, or his order, for the sum of Two hundred and eighty-one pounds twelve Shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for going to Bethlehem and Allentown to arrest Sigismund Leschinskey, on suspicion of uttering Counterfeit Sixty Dollar Bills, in the likeness of the Continental Bills of Credit, advanced by the State of Pensylvania on account of the United States, to be charged to the said United States.

The resolve of Assembly proposing a settlement of the disputed Territory, was forwarded to Governor Trumbull.

Resolved, That Mr. George Henry be requested to sell, in such manner as will be most to the Publick advantage, the Broken Cannon in and about Town, belonging to the State; also, the saltpetre and sulpher in the store, with the copper Boilers, and such other articles as are not of immediate use for the Gallies, and Mr. Henry

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having represented that he apprehends there is no occasion for continuing him as Commissary of Naval Stores,

Resolved, That he be requested to send a General State of his accounts, and that the said office cease the last day of this month, he delivering to Colonel Farmer the Key of the Store, and taking his receipt for such articles as remain unsold.

The Board taking into their consideration the Schuylkill Bridge, the care and direction of which was recommended by the Honourable House of Assembly to this Council, and two of their Members having visited the said Bridge and reported the State thereof to the Board, with the rates now taken, which are greatly insufficient for the common and necessary affairs,

Resolved, That the following Rates be taken untill the same be altered by the General Assembly, or by a future act of Council, viz:

A single Person, Two Shillings & six pence.
Horse, loaded or unloaded, Five Shillings.
Horse and chair, Twenty-two Shillings & six pence.
Chariot or Phaeton & pair, Thirty-seven Shillings & six pence.
Chariot & four Horses, Forty-five Shillings.
Cart & Horse, Seven Shillings & six pence.
Waggon & four Horses, Twenty-two Shillings & six pence.
Cattle, Two Shillings and six pence each.
Sheep, One Shilling and three pence each.
Swine, One Shilling and three pence each.
Sleigh or Sled, Ten Shillings.

Each Person in any Sleigh, Sled, Waggon, Chair, Chariot or Cart, beside the driver, Two Shillings & six pence.

Resolved, That General Lacy and Captain Hambright be a committee to get the old bridge valued by Judicious Carpenters, in order for sale, or that it may be taken care of for Publick use.

Resolved, That the Secretary write to Mr. Ogden, the present Tenant, and desire his attendance on the Board next Monday at Twelve O'Clock, to settle the farther Terms of his holding the said Bridge.

A Petition of David Franks to go into New York, with sundry papers accompanying it, was read; Whereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Smith, General Lacey and Mr. Thompson, be a committee to hear Mr. Franks on the said Petition, and Report to Council thereon.

The following Deeds having been examined, and Certificates of the payment of the consideration thereof read, the same were ordered to be executed:

Deed to Thomas Leaming, Junior, Andrew Bunner, John Murray, and Joseph Coleman Fisher, for a lott of Ground, late the Estate of David Thompson, of Philadelphia City, Ship Carpenter, forfeited to the use of the State, containing in front on the River

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Delaware, one hundred feet, and in depth five hundred and sixty feet; Bounded Eastward by the river Delaware, Southward by George Clymer's Ground, Westward by front street lotts, and Northward by William Allen's Ground, one equal and undivided fourth part of the said lott of Ground to each of the said purchasers; the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred and fifty pounds consideration Money having been paid to Thomas Hale, Agent of Philadelphia County. Deed bearing date the Twenty-seventh day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-Nine.

Deed to John Compty, conveying a Lease of a certain lott of ground situate at the Corner of Catherine and Front streets, in Southwark, containing Forty feet on said two streets; Bounded North by Anthony Duche, East by Edward Stiles, South by Catherine street, and West by front street, to hold so much of the said Lease as remains yet unexpired, the same commencing on the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and from thence to continue Twenty years, subject to a ground Rent payable to Edward Stiles; The sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds, consideration Money, paid to Thomas Hale, Agent for Philadelphia County. Deed bearing date the Twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Deed to the said John Compty, Conveying two Houses and lott of Ground, late the Estate of George Harding, seized and forfieted to the use of the State, situate in the district of Southwark, containing in Breadth twenty-six feet on Third street, and in depth eighty feet, Bounded Eastward by Third street, southward by a Lott late of George Harding, westward by Silas Inglis's Ground, and Northward by Benjamin Marshall's Ground, subject to seven pounds five shillings per annum Ground rent, payable to Samuel Rhoads; The sum of Nine hundred and fifty pounds Consideration Money paid to the said Thomas Hale. Deed bearing date the Twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and Seventy-nine.

The Petition of Mary Flood, convicted of Larceny on three Indictments, and adjudged to pay three several ffines to the Use of the State, was read, setting forth that she is unable to pay the said fines, and praying remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fines be remitted.

The Petition of William Belvin, of the County of Lancaster, convicted of Larceny, and adjudged to pay a fine to the Use of the State, was read, setting forth that he is Unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same. A recommendation from the Justices of the Peace of the Borough of Lancaster being also read,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, and he be discharged from Confinement.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, December 13th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Lacey,	Colonel Smith.

The Petition of Jane Smith, Convicted at the last City Court of Larceny, and adjudged by the said Court to pay a fine of One thousand and seventy-five pounds, to the Use of the State, was read, setting forth that she is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same.

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars, to be paid to Joseph Borden, Esquire, Continental Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, it being Monies advanced by the said Joseph Borden to the late Navy Board of Pensylvania.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Sarah Chestnut, for the sum of Two hundred and forty-three pounds ten shillings, the amount of her claim on the Estate of Thomas Mackiness, Decreed her by the Supreme Court, with lawfull Interest on the sum of Two hundred pounds, from the Fifteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

The Council taking into their Consideration a Certificate from the Honourable Mr. Holker, Consul of France, setting forth that the Brigg called the Trooper, Mounting Sixteen Guns, is chartered for the purpose of lading four hundred and fifty Barrells of Beef and Pork, five hundred Barrells of Flour, and to Compleat her Cargo with Biscuit; the whole to be shipped for Martinico for the sole account and risk of his most Christian Majesty, and for the Use of the Royal Navy,

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to permit the said Brigg to receive the said lading, and to clear her out accordingly.

Ordered, That the Doorkeeper be directed to call on the different Printers of News Papers, vizt: Messrs. Hall and Sellers, Dunlap and Bradford, on each day of Publication, for Ten papers, for the Use of the Council.

A Letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing two resolutions of that Body, dated the Eleventh day of December instant, the one for procuring Supplies for the Army, by which a requisition is made on this State for Fifty thousand Barrells of Flour, to be furnished by the first of April next.

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The other a resolution for appointing the Honourable Mr. Sherman, Mr. Allery and Mr. Levingston, a Committee to confer with the Board, in order to carrying the said resolution into effect; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the President be directed to inform the said Committee, and the said Letter was wrote accordingly

A Letter was also read from Robert Troup, Esquire, Secretary of the Treasury Board, enclosing a resolution of Congress of the Seventh of October last, directing the Treasurers of the several States to transmit, on the first day of every Month, returns of the sums they have respectively receiv'd, for supplying the Continental Treasury, that the Monies mentioned therein may be credited from the respective dates of the returns, and the same entered on the Journals of Congress; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be directed to make such returns thro' the Medium of this Board, and a Copy of this resolution transmitted to him for his information.

A Letter from Colonel McCallister, of York Town, was read, requesting an order for the Ballance of his account.

Resolved, That the President acquaint him that this Board cannot settle his account, that being the Province of the Assembly, or those whom they appoint, and that no orders similar to the above have ever been requested, the Fines of delinquents having in the other Counties not only borne the Expence of the officers of the Militia, but produced an overplus for the Treasury.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for Rye Township, in the County of Cumberland, having been made, by which it appears that David English, Junior, had Forty-one Votes, and Samuel Graham had thirteen Votes; thereupon,

Ordered, That David English be commissioned for said office.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, December 14th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honor'e the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Smith,

A Letter from the Honourable Board of War, dated December the thirteenth, 1779, was read. Also a letter from the Honourable Mr. Scott, dated the Twenty-ninth day of November last.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bergen was Examined concerning two Trunks of Goods, say'd to have come from New York to Elizabeth Town.

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A Warrant was issued for arresting Captain Clunn, and he was brought before the Council and examined. David Franks being sent for, was also examined.

WHEREAS, Information hath been made on Oath, that sundry persons of disaffected character, have lately been to the Enemies lines, and have held intercourse with divers persons from New York, and there is great reason to believe very illegal practices, and such as are dangerous to the Interest and Liberties of America, have been carried on, and especially in the Transportation of Effects of an unknown Nature. And it appearing, by sundry examinations taken in divers parts of this State, that Quantities of Counterfeit Money are brought into these States, thro' the lines of the Enemy, as well as Merchandize, the Manufacture of Great Britain, contrary to the laws of this State; And Jane White, the Wife of Robert White, an attainted Traytor, belonging to this State, being charged with the above practices,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of Philadelphia, by himself or his proper officers, do proceed to Search the House of the said Jane White, and seize any such unlawfull articles, and also all Papers or other Writings of a Treasonable Nature, which may be there found, and report his proceedings therein to this Board, for which this resolve shall be his Sufficient Warrant.

The Decree of the Supreme Court in favour of Valentine Shambough, against the Estate of Richard Swanwick, for the sum of twenty-seven pounds fourteen shillings and two pence debt, and seventeen pounds fourteen shillings costs, being read; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Valentine Shambough, for the sum of Forty-five pounds eight shillings and two pence, agreeable to the said Decree, (Note,) draft made upon the same Sheet as the decree of the Court is written upon.

WHEREAS, John Clunn, late of the State of New York, Shallopman, having been charged with having been concerned in Illegal practices, in bringing Merchandize, the Manufacture of Great Britain, and other effects, unknown to this Board, from the City of New York into this State, and being examined thereupon before this Council, and not giving a satisfactory account of his conduct therein,

Ordered, That he be committed to the Goal of the City and County of Philadelphia, there to remain untill farther order of this Board, or otherwise delivered, according to due course of Law.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 15th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright,
Colonel Smith,	Mr. Read.
Mr. Thompson,	

Application having been made to this Board by the Sub-Lieutenants of Philadelphia County, for direction touching the payments of the Bounties under the late call of Militia, on the thirteenth of October last, and the same being considered,

Resolved, That such Militia Officers and Men as turned out on that occasion, are entitled to receive in the whole thirty pounds—that is to say, Twenty pounds in hand, and ten pounds at the expiration of the time, with the usual pay for two months, the intervening Twenty pounds being only payable to the Family in case of absence of the Militia Man, which has not been necessary; and that the three Months Men be paid on the like principle.

The Petition of Benjamin Soden, convicted of Larceny, and adjudged to pay a fine of two hundred and ten pounds to the use of the State, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same.

Ordered, That the same be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursd'y, December 16th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable Colonel Smith,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Lacey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, late Vice President of Pensylvania, for the sum of Five hundred pounds, in part of his Salary as Vice President for the Year 1779, for which he is to account.

A Letter from the Honourable Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, dated the fourteenth Inst. enclosing a resolve of Congress of the same date, respecting demands for provisions, was read.

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Petition of Mary Jones and Samuel Kenny was read, and referred to the Attorney General.

Petition of Richard Goodall, Thomas Danks, and Williamson, stiling themselves languishing Prisoners, confined in York Town Goal, was read, together with a recommendation of the Petitioners, signed by Archibald M'Clean, William Scott and David Jameson, Esquires, and a record of the Conviction of each of the said Petitioners.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged by the Court of General quarter Sessions of the peace, &c., of the County of York, to be paid by Richard Goodall, be remitted; That the fine adjudged by the said Court, to be paid by Thomas Danks, be also remitted.

And that the case of Thomas Williamson be referred for further consideration.

A Letter from George Stephenson, Esquire, of Carlisle, dated November the Nineteenth, 1779, directed to the Secretary, was read.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Friday, December 17th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Thompson,	

A Letter from the Honourable Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, dated the fifteenth day of December instant, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the same date, respecting embargoes.

The following Deeds having been examined, and Certificates of the payment of the consideration thereof, the same were ordered to be executed:

Deed to John Sternfield, conveying a three story Brick Messuage or Tenement, Kitchen and lott of Ground, situate in the Northern Liberties, late the Estate of Arthur Thomas, forfieted to the use of the State, containing in Front on Second street fifteen feet and one half, and in depth sixty feet; Bound by Second street on the West, North by ground of George Streaper, East by Frederick Kitchemer, and South by the Widow Thomas, subject to a ground rent of one pound twelve shillings per annum, payable to Edmund Physick, Esquire; the sum of five thousand pounds, consideration

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Money, having been paid to Thomas Hale, Agent for Philadelphia County. Deed dated the twenty-seventh day of August last.

Deed to Thomas Britton, conveying a lott of ground situate in the Northern Liberties, late the Estate of Thomas Shoemaker, forfieted to the use of the State, situate between Front and Water streets, containing in Breadth twenty feet, and in depth forty feet; Bounded North by said Thomas Britton, East by Water street, South by a vacant lott late the Proprietaries, and West by Front street, the sum of six hundred and sixty pounds, consideration Money, having been paid to Thomas Heale, Agent for Philadelphia County. Deed dated the twenty-second day of October last.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec'r 18th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable, the Vice President.

Colonel Smith, Mr. Thompson, and
General Lacey, Mr. Hambright.

The Petition of William Mackey, Captain in the Ninth Pensylvania Regiment, being read and considered,

Resolved, That the Petitioner be informed that provision has hitherto been made by Congress for supplying Cloathing and other necessarys, to such officers as are Prisoners with the Enemy, and that as this State pays its proportion of those expences for officers of other States, it is reasonable that the officers of this State shou'd draw in the like manner, and it cannot be doubted but the Commissary of Prisoners will do Justice to the Petitioner in this respect.

The Attorney General having made a report in the case of Mary Jones and Samuel Kenney, by which it appears that it wou'd not be proper to grant the prayer of the petition,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

The Council again took into their consideration the state of the Schuylkill Bridge; thereupon,

Resolved, That General Lacey and Captain Hambright, be a committee to employ a suitable person to take care of the Schuylkill Bridge, and to procure Boats and ropes for the Ferry, untill the season of the year will permit the replacing the said Bridge.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, or his order, for the sum of Four thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine pounds and fifteen shillings, for the purpose of paying the Commissioners appointed to purchase Flour for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Phillip Marsteller, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of five thousand two hundred pounds, for paying the Militia of the County of Lancaster, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, December 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read,	

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the sixteenth of December, instant, on the alarming situation of the Army for want of a supply of provisions, was read; And a Copy thereof transmitted to the Committee of Congress.

Adjourned to six o'clock in the Evening.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee of Congress attended in Council according to appointment. Several hours were spent in Conference, on the state of the Army and supply of provisions, as well as the state of publick credit, and a proposition was made by them, that the Taxes shou'd in the present necessity for money, be anticipated by Congress, drawing negotiable notes for money on the State Treasurer, which being accepted by him, wou'd become current in the Country; and it was proposed to the consideration of this Board, whether it wou'd not be best for them to make an application of that nature to Congress, which the Council took into farther consideration.

The Committee then withdrew, and the Board proceeded to deliberate on the most effectual mode of obtaining an immediate supply; Whereupon,

Resolved, That Letters be immediately wrote to sundry merchants in this City, requesting their attendance to-Morrow at ten o'clock, in order to obtain information of the probability of procuring immediate supplies in the City.

Letters were accordingly wrote to Messieurs William Turnbull, Blair McClenaghan, Levi Hollingsworth and Captain Allibone.

John Clunn, detain'd in Prison by order of this Board, having on the preceeding day produced some Witnesses tending to prove

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that he had not brought down the Trunks complained of; it was directed that he be enlarged on giving security, Piunket Fleeson, Esquire, that he wou'd not depart the City without leave of this Board; which was accordingly taken, and the said Clunn enlarged.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Tuesday, December 21st, 1779.

PRESENT:

As Yesterday.

A Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the twenty-second day of November, directing a dismission of the Militia called for next morning, and thanking the State for its readiness and Zeal.

The several Gentlemen whose attendance was requested, having met, and sundry questions proposed, it appears that some considerable supplies may be attained within the City; Whereupon, a letter was wrote to the Committee of Congress, giving a detail of the proceedings, and assuring them of the aid of this Board to their Commissaries, or other persons employed.

Complaint having been made of great irregularities at the Barracks, and destruction of the Buildings; and also, that there is danger of Bloodshed from the disputes between the Soldiers and the Neighbouring Inhabitants, and that the same are owing to the neglect of the proper Officers providing wood; the attendance of one of the delegates was requested, and the same was communicated, that measures may be taken for relief and prevention of further mischief.

The President communicated a Note sent by the Attorney General, informing that one Philip McDade had died intestate, without any known Heirs or relations, leaving a real and personal estate in Southwark, near the China Manufactory, which may be an Escheat; the Prothonotary of the County also communicated information of a House and lott at Germantown, conveyed by Sheriff's deed some time ago, to Charles & Alexander Stedman, which last is proscribed by the State; Whereupon, the said Memorandums were delivered to Doctor Gardner, to be put into the Hands of Mr. Hale, one of the Agents for forfieted Estates, that farther inquiry may be made therein.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule henceforth, that the State Commissaries make a quarterly report on account of all receipts and expenditures in their department, for the inspection of Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, for the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for the purchasing the enumerated articles, and paying the Butcher, for which he is to account.

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The Petition of Daniel Wingate, convicted of Larceny at the City Court in October last, and adjudged to pay a fine of three hundred and seventy-five pounds to the Use of the State, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying a remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADEL'A, Wednesday, December 22d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright,	Colonel Smith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major Benjaman G. Eyre, for the sum of twelve hundred and six pounds, for his services in replacing the Schuylkill Bridge.

Mr. Physick, Keeper of the Great Seal under the former Government, having, pursuant to a late resolution of this Board, delivered in the Great Seal heretofore used, and requested that the same might be return'd to him after the impression was defaced; The same being considered, it was

Resolved, That as the Assembly will sit in a very short time, and the seal has been required in Consequence of their resolution, that the seal shall be kept in its present state 'till that time, and that then the Board will give him an answer to his request, and in the mean time, one part of the seal was re-delivered to the said Mr. Physick, and the other to the President of this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPH'A, Thursday, December 23d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Gardner, and
Colonel Smith,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Lacey,	

On motion,

Resolved, That Captain Hambright, Colonel Smith, General Lacey, Mr. Read and Mr. Thompson, be a Committee to enquire into the

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state of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties, the number of Barrack Masters, deputies, &c., and report them as soon as convenient.

The Council resumed the consideration of David Frank's petition for a pass to go into the City of New York; thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said Petition cannot be granted.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Bergen, a person of good character and worthy of Credit, did lately give information, on Oath, to this Board, of an illegal intercourse carried on between the officers lately serving at Elizabeth Town, in the State of New Jersey, with the Enemy, or some persons residing with them, and also affording a Just ground of suspicion against David Franks and Jane White, inhabitants of this State, of reputed disaffection to the Interests and Government of America; and especially that Colonel Seely, Captain Joseph Clunn, and one adjutant Nixon, did, on the latter end of November last, receive from New York two large Trunks, marked J. W., containing Merchandize or other effects, with the Keys tied thereto, which came by a Flag from New York, and that the said Trunks were transported from thence to Trenton in the Publick Waggons, the said Nixon accompanying them, and meeting the said Elizabeth Bergen occasionally; That in order to pass them with the greater secrecy, the said officers, Seely & Nixon, directed the said Elizabeth Bergen to pass the said Trunks as her property; That the same were brought to the house of the said Captain Joseph Clunn, at Trenton; and the said Elizabeth having taken her own effects to the landing, Nixon blamed her for not taking the Trunks, and say'd he wou'd take them down in the Evening to Captain John Clunn's at the landing; from all which, and other circumstances, the said Elizabeth Bergen Verily believed the said Trunks to have been fraudulently imported from New York, and so transported to Trenton, and also supposed the Trunks to have been Carried down to the said John Clunn's, to be conveyed to Philadelphia, for the use of the said David Franks or Jane White, or one of them.

It also appeared to the Board from the Testimony of Mr. Thomas Pringle, that the wife of the said John Clunn had, upon his application to her, expressed herself to the effect that the said Trunks had been brought to their House. Whereupon, The said John Clunn being called on to give an account thereof, and not rendering such as was satisfactory, this Board committed him to prison 'till the said Trunks shou'd be produced, or farther satisfaction, or he be relieved in due course of the Law, and afterwards, upon his application, enlarged him, on security not to depart this Court without leave of this Board. And now Captain Joseph Clunn appearing before this Council, alledges that the said Trunks were seized by Adjutant Nixon, and condemned, pursuant to a Law of New Jersey, for the benefit of said Nixon and himself, and produced a certificate thereof, that the said Trunks are now at Trenton, in his care, and

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that he claims them as his property, under the said seizure, and that the said Trunks contain Merchandize to the value of six hundred pounds York money.

Whereupon, The said Elizabeth Bergen and Thomas Pringle, being confronted with the said Joseph Clunn, the former adhered to the account formerly given, and the Answers given by the said Clunn were so evasive, improbable and unsatisfactory, that the Board is clearly and unanimously of opinion that the said seizure was collusive and fraudulent, and that the same was only calculated to cover the transaction; That the said goods were imported from New York by the said officers, or with their connivance and countenance, and that the Publick Waggons have been abused on this occasion; Whereupon, the whole circumstances being considered,

Resolved, That the transaction having been had in the State of New Jersey, and the said Trunks now being in that State, the whole matter be communicated to his Excellency Governor Livingston, and farther to assure him that, if it shall be thought proper to proceed thereupon by seizure of the said Trunks, or otherwise, in any respect, this Board will direct the attendance of the said Mrs. Bergen, and other witnesses from this State; And that the President also inform Governor Livingston that it is the opinion of the Board that the Examination of Adjutant Nixon wou'd throw some light thereupon, and also Lieutenants Sutphen, Busby and Emmons, which three latter the said Clunn asserted were privy to the removal of the goods to Trenton, and might be entitled by Law to a part of the proceeds.

Resolved, That Captain John Clunn be discharged from his recognizance.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 24th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President,

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Smith, and
Mr. Hambright.

WHEREAS, In the present scarcity of Wood for the use of this city, this Board did order and direct that the wood growing on a tract of Land on the West side of Schuylkill, belonging to some persons residing in Great Britain, shou'd be cut down and brought to the city, for the use of the poor, the same to be valued and accounted for when required by the proper officer, or by lawfull authority:

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And Whereas, In pursuance of the said orders, William Bradford, Tench Francis, James Ashe, Isaac Melchor, William Hall, Andrew Tybout, David Duncan, William Miller, William Forbes, Thomas Shields, and Joseph Cowperthwaite, have proceeded, at a great expence, to cut down considerable quantities of said Wood for the uses aforesaid, which have been since taken by William Wood and his servants, and that divers pretences have been set up, under which sundry persons threaten taking farther quantities of Wood, and commit unlawfull waste on the said premises; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Justices of the peace of this city and county be directed, upon proof made to them of the said Wood being brought from the said land to this city by any persons other than those mentioned herein, vizt: William Bradford, and others, to seize the same as Publick property, and bind over to Court the said Trespassers to answer for their Misdemeanors; and the said William Bradford, Tench Francis, and others, are hereby authorized and directed to proceed in the said business so committed to them, and all officers, Civil and Military, are required to aid and assist them therein, being assured hereby of the support of this Board in all their legal proceedings in the premisses, and the Sheriff of the county of Philadelphia is hereby directed to bring the said William Wood before this Board, without delay, to answer the charge herein made against him.

The Committee appointed by Council to enquire into the state of the Barracks, made the following report:

The Committee appointed by Council to enquire into the state of the Barracks at Philadelphia, &ca., do report, that they have been at the Barracks, and made enquiry into their state; that they find them in a very ruinous condition, all the Bedsteads (except a few in the Invalid quarter) missing, having been burned, as we are informed, for want of Wood; Almost all the Glazing of the windows broken, plaistering pulled down, the laths & partitions cut up to light fires, the floors much cut and injured, the soldiers having brought their wood into the rooms, and there cut up for their fires; The rooms & galleries are so full of filth and ordure as to render these places extremely offensive; in short, the whole of the buildings are in very bad order. We have farther to report that, besides Isaac Melchoir, Barrack Master General, there are the following persons employed there, most of which are entirely useless, to wit:

Gibbs Jones, who stiles himself Chief Barrack Master, and on the ration return, draws also as Captain of Artillery.

Christian Shaffer, assistant Barrack Master and Superintendant of the Carpenters. Note. We found no Carpenters at Work there, nor heard of there having been any for some time past.

John Faunts, assistant Barrack Master.

——— Mankey, do Superintendant of Waggoners and Wood Cutters.

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David Flickart, Issuer of the Wood.
Christian Wink, Clerk.
——— Hevelman, do
Frederick Molineux, at Bristol, where they say he is employed in Superintending Wood Cutting.
Jacob Working, Waggon Master, has twelve Teams at Bristol.

At the Barracks now, twenty-one Teams, of which two Teams we met near the Barracks, having in both about half a cord of Wood, which is hailed near ten Miles from Town.

We cou'd not get any information of the Number of Wood Cutters.

Besides Colonel Melchior's riding Horses, and those of his assistants, each having one, there are four spare Horses; we cou'd not find out for what use.

It appears to us, upon our own view, and the best information we cou'd get, that the following officers, and no more, are necessary:

One Barrack Master.
One Assistant.
One Clerk.
One Issuer.
One Waggon Master.

And, as the Wood for the use of the barracks is now to be cut, there not being any store laid in, one Superintendant over the Wood Cutters, 'till a sufficiency is procured and may be necessary.

That upon a speciall enquiry, what Wood had been served out, and what prospects there are, it appears to the Committee that great part of the fall and Winter there has been only half allowance, and that very irregularly served.

That they have been occasionally two days without Wood, even to cook their victuals, by which means the Buildings and Fences in the Neighbourhood had suffered, which had occasioned great disturbance amongst the inhabitants, so as not only to break the peace, but endanger the lives of both soldiers and citizens; That there is not at present any stock of Wood or other supply than from day to day, and that so insufficient, that unless there is some effectual reform, in case of bad roads or bad weather, which may be expected at this season, they will be destitute, and the like abuses on the Buildings and in the Neighborhood probably renewed.

That upon the whole, it appears to the Committee that the General Interests, as well as those of the State, by whom that Building was Erected, and has been maintained at a great expence, will be materially injured, unless some effectual remedy be applied.

JOHN LACEY, Jun'r,
MATHEW SMITH,
JAMES THOMPSON,
JAMES READ,
JOHN HAMBRIGHT.

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Resolved, That a copy of the said report be sent to the delegates of the State.

A Letter was read from Colonel Smith, acquainting the Board that the Militia called out in October last, made some difficulty in receiving the Bounty, as directed by Counsill, and that they would Petition Council thereon.

The Treasurer of the State reports one hundred and forty-five thousand Dollars in the Treasury, subject to the order of Congress.

A Letter from William Semple, Esquire, resigning his office of Sub-Lieutenant, alledging that his services are no longer necessary.

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted, with thanks for his services.

A Letter from the Board of War, dated the twenty-third instant, inclosing an extract of a letter from General Washington, about annexing Captain Lee's and Captain Porter's company's to Colonel Proctor's regiment.

A Letter from Major Lee, dated the twenty-third of December, requesting to know whether his officers were entitled to the supplies of this State.

Letters sent to Cumberland to quicken the collection of Taxes and payment of Publick debts.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, December 27th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Colonel Smith,	Colonel Thompson.

An application from Samuel Morris and Mathew Irwin, for permission to sell goods imported in the Neptune, as being damaged by the Ice.

Resolved, That the applicants be directed to the court of Admiralty for a survey and regular proceedings herein, as heretofore used.

Mr. Searle, delegate in Congress, attended with a proceeding of that Body, dated the twenty-seventh inst., in the following words, to Wit:

In Congress, December 27th, 1779.

WHEREAS, It appears to Congress from the representation of the delegates of the State of Pensylvania, that disputes had arisen be-

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tween the States of Pensylvania and Virginia relative to the extent of their Boundaries, which may probably be productive of serious evils to both States, and tend to Lessen their exertions in the common defence; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the contending parties not to grant any part of the disputed Land, or to disturb the possession of any persons living thereon, and to avoid every appearance of force untill the dispute can be amicably adjusted by both States, or brought to a just decision by the intervention of Congress: That possessions forcibly taken be restored to the original possessors, and things be placed in the situation in which they were at the commencement of the present War, without prejudice to the claims of either party.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y.

Resolved, That a Proclamation be drawn, in which the said resolve to be inserted, and such farther declaration of this Board as may be proper on the occasion.

A letter was wrote to the delegates in Congress, enclosing the report of the Committee respecting the state of the Barracks.

The Council took into consideration the Account of the late Vice President, as follows, viz't:

State of Pensylvania in Account with George Bryan, Esquire, late Vice President.

His Salary from 3d of June to the 3d of September, 1779, at £2500 per Annum, - - -	625		
His salary from Septem'r 3d to Octo'r 3d, One Month, at £2500 per Ann. - - - - - -	208	6	8
Difference between the sum of £2500, former salary, and the sum of £10,000 voted by Assembly on the 9th of October, 1779, is - - - - -	7,500		
His salary from 3d of October to the 15th, at which time he left the Council, being 12 days, at £10,000 per Annum, - - - - - - - - -	333	6	8
	8,666	13	4

1779, August 14th, By order on the Treasurer,	£300		
Sept'r 18th, By Do.	250		
Octo'r 15th, By Do.	3,000		
Nov'r 18th, By Do.	2,000		
Decem'r 4th, By Do.	1,500		
16th, By Do.	500		
	£7,550	7,550	
Balance due, - - - - -		£1,116	13 4

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And the same appearing to be just,
An order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour, for the said sum of One thousand one hundred and sixteen Pounds thirteen Shillings and eight pence, ballance due to him.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, December 28th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President,

Mr. Gardner,	Colonel Smith,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of Twelve thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pensylvania line, for which he is to account.

Robert Whitehill, Esquire, Councellor-elect, for the county of Cumberland, now attending, took the oaths, agreeable to the Constitution, and his seat at this Board.

William Wood attended in Council, pursuant to the order of Saturday last, and being interrogated respecting his taking the wood of the lands on the West side of the Schuylkill, made some acknowledgements of his error therein, and being reprimanded, was dismissed.

Mr. Ogden, the present Tenant of the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill, also attended, and after some conference respecting the Terms of holding the same, was directed to make enquiry of the Quarter Masters in what manner the Continental teams are to pass in future, and then to meet this board again on the said subject.

The President, agreeable to the resolve of yesterday, having laid before the Board a draught of a Proclamation touching the late proceedings on the disputed Territory between this State and Virginia, the same was read and approved; and

Ordered, to be Printed, and is as follows, to Wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The unhappy disputes which have subsisted between this State and that of Virginia, touching the Western Boundary,

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have been hitherto suspended, so as to afford a just and reasonable expectation that they might be terminated in perfect consistency with the General Interests of the Common Union, and the Mutual Friendship between the contending States: For the attainment of this desirable end, propositions were heretofore made on the part of this State to appoint Commissioners to adjust the said Boundary line, which were acceded to on the part of Virginia, and the said Commissioners having met on the thirty-first day of August last, entered into the following agreement: "Wee, George Bryan, John Ewing and David Rittenhouse, Commissioners from the State of Pensylvania, And We, James Maddison, and Robert Andrews, Commissioners for the State of Virginia, do hereby mutually, in behalf of our respective States, ratify and confirm the following agreement, Vizt: to extend Mason and Dixon's line due West five degrees of Longitude, to be computed from the River Delaware, for the Southern Boundary of Pensylvania, and that a Meridian drawn from the Western extremity thereof to the Northern Limit of the said State, be the Western boundary of Pensylvania for ever."

Which agreement, signed by the Commissioners respectively, was on the nineteenth of November last, solemnly and unanimously ratified and confirmed by the General Assembly of this State, and the ratification duly transmitted to the Government of Virginia. Since which it has been represented to us, that divers persons deriving authority, or pretending so to do, under the Government of Virginia, have proceeded to Fort Burd, in the county of Westmoreland, thirty miles at least within the said line so agreed by the said Commissioners, and upon lands originally settled under Pensylvania, and long held as within its unquestionable jurisdiction, and that such persons are proceeding to Exercise a summary and arbitrary jurisdiction, tending to the dispossession of the Grantees under this State, and greatly vexing and disturbing them in the peaceable possessions honestly purchased and industriously cultivated for a long course of years:

And Whereas, There is great reason to believe that these measures have originated from Misrepresentations, and other artifices of some wicked and designing persons, who are seeking to involve these States in enmity and Hostility to each other, without regard to the great and Common interests of America, which can only be preserved by perfect harmony and concord between its several members; and that the authority of Virginia, upon a due consideration of the circumstances above recited, in which are comprehended those obligations of Honour, Good faith and duty, which are held most sacred amongst States, as well as individuals, will disavow or recall the offensive powers now exercised within the disputed Territory, or otherwise suppress all further proceeding therein, and in all respects pay due regard and obedience to the

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following, the recommendation of the Honourable the Congress, in this behalf:

In Congress, December 27th, 1779.

WHEREAS, It appears to Congress from the representation of the delegates of the State of Pensylvania, that disputes have arisen between the States of Pensylvania and Virginia, relative to the extent of their Boundaries, which may probably be productive of serious evils to both States, and tend to lessen their exertions in the common defence; Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the contending parties, not to grant any part of the disputed Land, or to disturb the possession of any person living thereon, and to avoid every appearance of force untill the dispute can be amicably settled by both States, or brought to a just decision by the Intervention of Congress; that possessions forceably taken be restored to the original possessors, and things be placed in the situation at which they were at the commencement of the present War, without prejudice to the claims of either party.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

We have, therefore, thought proper to issue this our Proclamation, hereby requiring all officers, civil & military, and others subjects of this State, to pay due obedience and respect to the above resolution and direction of Congress, and also, hereby encouraging the several Grantees claiming under this State, to continue in the cultivation and improvement of their several Estates, and improvements, as well as their allegiance and fidelity to the State, notwithstanding any claims or pretences set up by the State of Virginia, or any other foreign jurisdiction, and assuring them of the protection and support of this State while so continuing in duty and obedience to its Laws and Government, of which all persons concerned are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State at Philadelphia, this Twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright.

A Letter from Colonel Broadhead, dated Pittsburgh, December the thirteenth, was read.

A recommendation of Doctor William Adams, to be Surgeon of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, was read; and

Ordered, That he be recommended to the Board of War for the above Commission, to be dated first of October, 1779.

A Letter from the Board of War, dated December the twenty-fourth, enclosing a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Wiltner, with an account of his posting the Troops in Northumberland.

A Letter from the Pensylvania officers, in Colonel Hazen's Regiment, requesting to be considered as of the line of this State, and informing the Board there are one hundred and fifty-three (officers included) in said Regiment belonging to this State,

Resolved, That the Gentlemen be informed that their request cannot be complied with, untill this Board are authorised so to do by the House of Assembly.

General St. Clair having through the President, laid before the Board a direction of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to represent Garret Stediford and Henry Bicker, as entitled to Captain's Commissions in the fourth Regiment in the Pensylvania line; The Commission of the former to be dated the Twelfth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and the latter the sixteenth day of November, 1776.

Resolved, That they be appointed accordingly, and that all the papers respecting the same be sent to the Board of War, with a copy of this resolve.

Hillary Baker, Junior, Esquire, Clerke of the Sessions of the County of Philadelphia, laid before the Board an account of Fines receiv'd in his office, commencing September Term, 1777, and December term, 1779, and amounting to two hundred and sixty-one pounds, and praying the direction of the Council therein.

Resolved, That he pay the same to the State Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia do in like manner lay before this Board an account of the Fines by him receiv'd, in the same time, and pay the same as above.

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WHEREAS, The discharge of the Galley men in the Service, has made the continuance of a staff on their account unnecessary:

Resolved, therefore, That the Vice President, Colonel Smith and Mr. Whitehill, be a committee to consider what Subsistence money be allowed to the officers and men yet retained, in the lieu of rations, and to employ one of the officers as paymaster thereof.

Resolved, That Captain Boys be directed to make a return of the officers and Men now remaining in the Galley Service.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Thursday, Decem'r 30th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An account having been laid before the Board by James Thompson, Inn-Keeper, for the Expences of Andrew Linn, an express from Westmoreland, in which the charges appear to be extravagant and unreasonable,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Justices of the Sessions, that they may enquire into the rates now taken by Tavern Keepers, and form a reasonable Bill of rates; That they suppress all combinations for the purpose of enhancing prices.

And as besides the present instance James Thompson has been heretofore complained of for unreasonable charges, his Licence be recalled.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Thompson, for four hundred and six pounds ten shillings, amount of expences of Mr. Andrew Linn, express from Westmoreland County.

The Petition of Francis Lally and others, claiming a farther allowance, being read, and the circumstances considered,

Resolved, That the mode of paying the Twenty pounds now claimed, being by the Special terms of the orders fixed to be paid to the Almoner during the absence of the Militia, which meant their absence on the Tour of duty, in which time their families might want some assistance, and no such absence having happened, but on the other hand, the Petitioners have receiv'd thirty pounds and whole pay, and satisfied their Tour of duty by a few Day's service, their demand does not appear reasonable, and therefore the Council adhere to their former determination; that the said Peti-

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tioners also be informed that such demands have not been made in any other places, Notwithstanding in some other counties they wou'd have been equally entitled.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 31st, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Whitehill,	Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Thompson.

WHEREAS, The Barrack Master of this City has represented that a Body of Continental Troops is now marching into this City, which are unprovided with Barracks or other Cover, and prays the assistance of this Board to procure them suitable Quarters:

Resolved, That the Justices of Peace of the City and Liberties do give the Barrack Master the desired assistance, by Billiting the Troops in the Publick Houses, as heretofore done, proportioning them according to the size of the Houses; And where Wood is not provided by the Barrack Master, and the Troops are constrained to use the Wood of the Inhabitants, the Barrack Master do replace it in the following proportion, vizt: For twenty men, one-eight of a cord of wood for every twenty-four hours, and so on in proportion for a greater or lesser number of men.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs Vanuxem and Clark, for the sum of Eighteen hundred and fifteen pounds, for sixty Bushells and an half of Salt receiv'd in the Publick Store.

A Petition from Elinor Quinn, who being bound to appear as a Witness at the City Court, forfieted her recognizance, and she being recommended to the Board by the Justices as having incurred the said delinquency by Illness,

Resolved, That the forfieture be remitted, on satisfying the officers to whom fees may be due thereon.

Captain Schott, who now commands the Corps formerly called Armands, having petitioned this Board to be permitted to draw the benefits allowed by this State to the Troops in the line, and having laid a return of their strength before the Board, it appears there are four companies in the said corps, the whole amounting to thirty-five men, Vizt: first company, one serjeant and nine privates; second company, five Serjeants and sixteen non-commissioned officers and privates; third company, one serjeant and six privates; fourth company, three privates.

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Resolved, That if the Continental Board of War, or other competent authority, shall think proper to organize the said Corps, and annex it as a company to the German Battalion, or any other Regiment in the Line of the State, this Board will direct them to be supplied in the same manner that the other Troops are, and that the same return be forwarded to the Board of War, with this resolve, for their consideration.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan'ry 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President,	Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of Six hundred and ninety-two pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence, for his wages for attendance at the Door of the Council-room, from the first day of October last to the thirty-first day of December, inclusive, at twenty dollars per day, and sundry small expenses.

The Petitions of William Williamson, Mary James and Sarah Vankirk, convicted of Larceny, and adjudged to pay three several fines to the use of the State, to wit: William Williamson, the sum of Forty pounds; Mary James, the Sum of One hundred pounds; and Sarah Vankirk, the Sum of one hundred and thirty-eight pounds, were read, setting forth that they are unable to pay the said fines, and praying remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said William Williamson, Mary James and Sarah Vankirk, be remitted.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Walter, for the Sum of two hundred and sixty-six pounds three shillings and six pence, with Interest on the same from the Second day of August, 1777, the amount of his claim on the Estate of James Rankin, late of York County, attainted of Treason, decreed to him by the Supreme Court, together with five pounds nine Shillings and Six pence costs.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Walter, for the Sum of twenty-three pounds ten shillings, the amount of the claim of Jacob Welshantz, on the estate of James Rankin, late of York County, attainted of Treason, with interest on the same from the twenty-eighth day of February, 1770, decreed him,

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the said Jacob Welhantz, by the Supreme Court, together with five pounds nine shillings and six pence Costs, to be paid to said Jacob.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Walter, for the Sum of Six pounds five shillings and eleven pence, the amount of the claim of Michael Wyder, on the Estate of James Rankin, late of York County, attainted of Treason, decreed him, the said Michael Wyder, by the Supreme Court, together with five pounds nine shillings and six pence costs, to be paid by the said Henry Walter to the said Michael Wyder.

Resolved, That Mr. Govett and Mr. Geddis, Auditors of publick accounts, and Mr. Nicholson, Clerk of the said Board, be requested to meet this Board in the Council Chamber at the State House, on Monday at twelve o'clock.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan'ry 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esqr., President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

A letter was received from the Auditors of the Publick accounts, excusing their attendance on the Council on account of the badness of the Weather, and referring to Mr. Nicholson, Clerk of their Board, for satisfaction, and he attending, a Memorandum was made of the particulars of enquiry, and sent by him to the Auditors.

A petition from James Pottenger, late a Dragoon in James's light Horse, who left his Mistress and joined the Enemy, and upon their leaving Philadelphia, deserted to General Washington.

Resolved, That the Consideration thereof be Postponed 'till after the next court of Oyer and Terminer.

A representation of an abuse in the weight of Flour having been made by a member of the Board, a letter was wrote thereupon to the Board of War.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Pringle, for the Sum of three hundred and sixty-five dollars and a half, the amount of his expenses in going to Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, with dispatches to Governor Livingston.

Resolved, That Colonel Coates, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, be desired to Muster the militia that were called out and marched, agreeable to the Order of this Board of the thirteenth of October last, and that he draw on the paymaster of the County for their pay.

Mr. Pringle attended and laid before the Board the account of his proceedings and Journey to New Jersey, on Mrs. Bergen's complaint.

A letter from Honourable Mr. Atlee, containing an account of the Conestogoe Manor; which was Ordered to be filed.

A letter from Captain Ziegler, requesting a farther Supply of Stores, was laid before the Board; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Farmer attend to-morrow on this business.

Mr. Rittenhouse, State Treasurer, having made a return of Cash as follows:

"Philadelphia, January 4th, 1780.

"Return of Cash in the State Treasury, subject by law to the "orders of Congress, 150,000 dollars, which will be ready for pay-"ment on Monday next.

"Paid on a Warrant of Congress since that return, 200,000 "dollars.

"DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Treasurer.

"The Hon'ble President and Council."

Thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be filed.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan'ry 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lacey, and
Mr. Thompson.

Colonel Farmer attended pursuant to the order of yesterday, and received directions to enquire into the prices of the several articles, and make return.

It having been certified to this Board by Doctors Chevitt and Phile, that Samuel Fisher, now confined in prison under sentence for misprision of Treason, is dangerously ill, so that his life may be endangered, unless removed to some place where he may be better accommodated,

Resolved, That upon sufficient Security being given, as has been usual in like cases, before any Justice of the peace of the City, that he return to prison on his recovery, or be forthcoming upon the demand of the Sheriff to comply with the Judgment of the Court, he be permitted to remove to more convenient lodgings.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,
Colonel Smith, and
Mr. Thompson.

A Letter from the Board of War on the Case of Schott's Corps, was received, with a copy of a letter wrote Colonel Wiltner on that subject.

The Honourable Colonel Smith, Member of this Board for the County of Lancaster, being about to remove from said County to a very distant part of the State, and also alledging the very great injury to his private affairs from attending the Board, presented his resignation, which was accepted.

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Honorable Mathew Smith's account for his attendance in Council, from the eighth day of December last 'till the Sixth day of January, instant, inclusive, thirty days, at twelve pounds per day, - - - - - - £360 00 0

Mileage coming to Council and returning home, 202 Miles, at 10 Shillings per Mile, - - - 101 00 0

£461 00 0

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Mathew Smith, Esquire, for the sum of four hundred and sixty-one pounds, the amount of the above account, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty-seventh day of November last.

A Deed was examined and signed to Charles Baker, of the City of Philadelphia, conveying to him a lott of Ground, with a frame House thereon, late part of the estate of David Thompson of the district of Southwark, Shipwright, forfieted by the attainder of the said David Thompson to the use of the State, situate between Front Street and Water Street, containing twenty-one feet in breadth, and sixty-six feet in depth; Bounded North by Almond street, East by William Hodge's ground, South by Samuel Penrose's ground, and West by Christian Fitz; the sum of one thousand three hundred and ten pounds, consideration Money, paid to Thomas Hale, Agent for Philadelphia County. Deed bearing date the twenty-sixth day of August, 1779.

A transcript of the Record of Conviction of William Cassedy, alias Thompson, found guilty of High Treason at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in the City of Philadelphia the twentieth day of September last, for the City and County of Philadelphia, and then and there Sentenced to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being now read, the Petition of the said William Casedy being also read, together with the recommendation of sundry persons, of the said William Casedy for mercy; And the same being duly considered,

Ordered, That a pardon do issue to the said William Cassedy, on condition that he serve as a Soldier during the present War, in one of the Regiments of this State.

The Petition of Peter Swoope, late Turnkey of the Goal of the City and County of Philadelphia, convicted of the voluntary escapes of the following persons, to wit: John Shelleman, upon an Indictment and Committment for forgery and fraud, and of Samuel Slack, upon a Committment for felony in horse stealing, and adjudged to pay a fine to the use of the State, of the sum of five hundred pounds, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that the said Peter Swoope do serve as a Soldier during the present War, in one of the Regiments of this.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Gardner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of eighty thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

A petition from Isaac Kauffman and Frederick Koble, prisoners in Berks county Goal, under Sentence for misprision of Treason, praying to be released from imprisonment, and the forfeitures to be remitted, and the petitioners being recommended by the Justices of the County,

Resolved, That the sentence of the Court be remitted so far as respects the Imprisonment of their persons, and that the remainder of the Petition be referred for further consideration.

The Petition of William Keyser, convicted of Felony, in Sheep-stealing, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That no Sentence having been passed, this Board cannot, consistent with their rules, make any order therein.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan'ry 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Lacey, and
Mr. Read,	Captain Hambright.
Mr. Thompson,	

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight pounds, for paying the Officers and Men of the Gallies, now in the service of this State, their wages to the first day of this instant, for which he is to account.

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A letter was sent to his Excellency Thomas Jefferson, esquire, Governor of the State of Virginia, enclosing the Proclamation of the Council of the twenty-eighth day of December last, with an attested copy of the resolution of Congress of the twenty-seventh of December. Also, a duplicate of a letter from Council to the Governor of Virginia, and the resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the nineteenth day of November last, on the subject of the disputed Territory between Pennsylvania and Virginia.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan'ry 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Lacey.

WHEREAS, The Commissarys of the Continental Army have represented to us that there is at present a very great scarcity of Flour for the support of the Army, and the most ruinous consequences are to be apprehended unless some remedy is immediately provided:

On consideration whereof,

Resolved, That the Commissioners for executing an Act of Assembly entitled "an act for the more effectually preventing, engrossing and forestalling, for the encouragement of Commerce, and the fair trader, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be requested immediately to exert themselves to assist the Commissarys in procuring such quantities of flour as may be spared from private use, on such terms as shall be most effectual for the service, and least inconvenient to the citizens, and that if the aid or assistance of the Board is requisite, it will be cheerfully given when applied for, and that the commissioners be requested to meet immediately hereupon.

A certificate from Governor Livingston that the Trunks brought from New York, and for which security had been given by Captain Clana, and others, had been forthcoming to his order, agreeable to the Tenor of their Bond; and the Obligors requesting the Bond to be delivered up, the same was done accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan'ry 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner.

Resolved, That the Attorney General take the depositions seperately of William Geddis and William Govett, Esquires, auditors of accounts, on the subject of General Arnold's conduct during his command in this city, and more especially at the time of his taking possession thereof, and the contents of his Memorandum books lately laid before them, so far as they shew any abuses of his command.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan'ry 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Lacey.

Petition of Margaret Browne, convicted of Larceny in the city court in October last, praying that the fine of one hundred & twenty pounds, adjudged by the court to be paid by her to the State, be remitted, was read, with the certificate annexed; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt: in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, on account of his Salary as President.

And one in favour of Timothy Matlack, or his order, for the sum of three thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying the expences of Witnesses attending on the Court Martial on the trial of Major General Arnold, the same to be charged to the United States, agreeable to a resolve of Congress, in such case made and provided.

A Certificate or letter of the fourth instant, received from Messrs. Govett and Geddis, having been maturely Considered by Council,

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Resolved, That it be returned to them as improper and insatisfactory, for these reasons:

First, That they mention themselves as called upon by the Executive Council, & particularly by the President, which is not agreeable to the real state of the Transaction, there being no particular call of the President, but a call of the Board, and it being Contrary to the desire of the Board, as well as the President, that any thing should be transacted hereupon, elsewhere than the Council Chamber.

Secondly, For that the Certificate does Not Contain the circumstances of misconduct in General Arnold's command, which have been mentioned by them, or at least one of them, in conversations abroad, and which have been repeated even before the Board.

That the keeping the Certificate under these Circumstances, would, in some measure, imply an acquiescense in it, both as to form and Substance, which cannot by any means be given.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Jan'ry 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Lacey.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Reed, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds, on account of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, the small number of Men now in the State Service, on board the Gallies and armed Boats, renders it unnecessary to continue the heavy expence of a Commissary for that department, and more especially as the Officers of the said Gallies and armed Boats do now request to have the amount of their rations paid them in money; therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. Crispin do issue rations to the Officers and Men belonging to the State Gallies, to the fourteenth instant, and then deliver what Stores shall remain into the hands of Colonel Lewis Farmer; That Mr. Crispin do immediately lay before the Council a State of his accounts, and that he be thereupon discharged from his said Office of Commissary.

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Ordered, That the Officers and men belonging to the State Fleet be allowed for their rations and necessaries for one Month, as follows, Vizt:

	£.	s.	d.	
To a Captain three rations of refreshments and common rations,	82	11	1½	Per week.
A Lieutenant 2 Do. - - -	55	—	9	
Dr. Hutchinson, (State Surgeon,) - 5 do	137	11	10½	
A private a single ration, - - -	27	10	4½	

Ordered, That William C. Bradford be called upon for a state of his accounts, to be delivered in to this Board, on or before the twentieth instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, January 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Read.

A letter from the Hon'ble Samuel Huntingdon, esquire, President of Congress, dated the twelfth day of January instant, was received and read, together with the following papers enclosed, to wit:

Copy of a letter from Royal Flint, Assistant Commissary of Purchases, dated the third day of January instant, to his Excellency General Washington.

Copy of a letter from William Irwin, Brigadier General, dated the fourth day of January instant, also to his Excellency General Washington.

Extract of a letter from his Excellency General Washington to Congress, dated the fifth day of January instant, and an Order of Congress of the twelfth day of January instant.

Whereupon, the Council requested the attendance of two of the delegates of Pennsylvania to explain the wishes of Congress, with respect to the assistance now desired by Congress of the State; And Mr. Searle and Mr. McLene attended. On conferring with them, it appears that the emergency is not now so great as it has been, and that the assistance now most wanted, is, in a Supply of Waggons, which this Council are still willing to give, on a requisition from the Quarter-master.

A letter from Robert Aitkin, Secretary of the Commissioners for procuring Flour, &ca., dated the twelfth day of January instant, was now read and considered; and thereupon,

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Ordered, That the said Commissioners be directed to sell the Salt on hand, other than that belonging to Pelatiah Webster, if the whole together will fetch thirty pounds per bushel, and not otherwise.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan'ry 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

A letter was written to his Excellency the President of Congress, in answer to his of the twelfth instant, on the Subject of supplying the Army with provisions.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan'ry 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Lacey,

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan'ry 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Owen Biddle Presented to the Council an Order of Congress, in the following Words, to wit:

In Congress, Jan'ry 14th, 1780.

GENTLEMEN—Pay to Charles Petit, assistant Quarter Master General, or his Order, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars,

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being part of the Monies raised by the State of Pennsylvania, for the use of the United States, on account of Major Gen'l Green, Quarter Master Gen'l, and for the use of his department, for which he is to be accountable.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your humble Serv't,
SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, *President.*

To his Excellency the President & and the Honble. the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

And the same was endorsed in the following words, Vizt:

Entered in the Treasury Office, January 15th, 1780.
A. A. G'l.

The Secretary was thereupon directed to enquire of the Treasurer whether he had Money in his hand to pay the said draft; and he reporting that the Treasurer was unable to pay the same,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress, in favour of Charles Pettit, and that the Order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words:

Pay to Charles Petit, esquire, Assistant quarter master General, or his Order, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to make a return to Mr. Turnbull of all the cloths in his possession not suitable for the Army.

An account of Cooper's work, done by James Rowan, for the Gallies, being now examined, an order was thereupon drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said James Rowan, for the sum of Sixty-five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, the amount of his account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan'ry 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson.

A letter from Samuel Hunter, esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, of the twenty-ninth day of December last, and a Memorial from Sundry inhabitants of the said county, representing their distressed situation, on account of the depredations of the Indians, were read, and thereupon,

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Resolved, That
General Assembly.
A letter was written
of the twenty-ninth of

In Council.

PHILAD'A,

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esq.

Mr. Read, Mr.
Mr. Thompson, Mr.

An Order was drawn in favour of Lieutenant Jo
thousand five hundred pounds, to be paid to Colonel W
paymaster of the of Cumberland, for the purpose of
Militia of the said County, for which sum the said WI
is to be accountable.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of (the
William Shippen, esquire, for the sum of four thousand
in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for the State
sylvania, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Hon'ble Samuel Huntington, esqu
dent of Congress, dated the eighteenth instant, inclosi
selves of Congress, the one of the thirteenth instant, a
Prisoners of War; the other of the fourteenth instant, re
estates of French subjects dying in way of the United Sta
mail; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Pris
do make a return to this Board, with all
the names and ranks of all Officers, and
belonging to the enemy, held as Prisoners
and the places they are at.

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Resolved, That the same be laid before the Honourable House of General Assembly.

A letter was written to Colonel Samuel Hunter, in answer to his of the twenty-ninth of December last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Jan'ry 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn in favour of Lieutenant John Love for four thousand five hundred pounds, to be paid to Colonel William Clark, paymaster of the of Cumberland, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the said County, for which sum the said William Clark is to be accountable.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble William Shippen, esquire, for the sum of four thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for the State of Pennsylvania, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Hon'ble Samuel Huntingdon, esquire, President of Congress, dated the eighteenth instant, inclosing two resolves of Congress, the one of the thirteenth instant, relative to Prisoners of War; the other of the fourteenth instant, relative to estates of French subjects dying in any of the United States, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, do make a return to this Board, with all Possible expedition, of the names and ranks of all Officers, and the number of privates belonging to the enemy, held as Prisoners of War in this State, and the places they are at.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, January 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

A return of the Election of Justices of the peace for Leacock Township, in the county of Lancaster, in the room of Stewart Herbert, esquire, deceased, being read, it appears that David Watson & Hugh Hamilton were chosen; and, on consideration,

Ordered, That David Watson be appointed a Justice of peace for the county of Lancaster.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Jan'ry 22, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright.

A letter from John Hubley, esquire, of Lancaster, of the tenth instant, was read.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Jan'ry 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, for the sum of three thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

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Mr. William Thorne presented to the Council an Order of Congress, in the following words, to wit:

In Congress, January 3d, 1780.

1,000,000 dollars.

Entered in the Treasury office the 7th of January, 1780. Joseph Nourse, A. A. Gen'l.

Sir, Pay to Colonel Benjamin Flower, Commissary General of Military Stores, or his order, the sum of one Million of dollars, being part of the monies raised by the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to be by him appropriated for discharging indispensible contracts already made in his department, and for which sum he is to be accountable.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

SAM'L HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

Exam'd C. T.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania.

The same being read and considered; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Colonel Benjamin Flower, and that the Order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words:

In Council, Philad'a, Jan'ry 24th, 1780.

For 1,000,000 dollars.

Sir, Pay to Colonel Benjamin Flower, Commissary General of Military Stores, or his order, the sum of one Million of dollars, agreeable to the within order, and charge the same to the United States of America.

WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

In Council.

Philad'a, Tuesday, Jan'ry 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Whitehill,

George Bryan and Charles Wilson Peale, esquires, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, Attended in Council, and in-

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formed that the house was now met and ready to receive such business as Council may have to lay before the General Assembly.

The Petition of John Lukens, Esq'r, praying to be appointed Surveyor General of the State, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A letter from Ira Allen, of the State of Vermont, dated the twentieth instant, was read.

A letter from the Hon'ble Mr. Holker, Consul of France, of the twenty-third instant, respecting the Flour purchased for the Fleet of France, was read.

Adjourned to six o'clock in the Evening.

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Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

The following Message from the Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved and signed.

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen,

At this critical period, when such a variety of important concerns call for your wisdom and attention, your punctual attendance on Public business must afford the greatest satisfaction to your constituents. The evils arising from want of discipline and experience in War, being happily surmounted by the skill of our officers and the bravery of our Troops, the Citizens and Yeomen of the State seem now called upon in a peculiar manner to manifest their virtue, spirit and firmness, in supporting this noble and necessary contest, so as to bring it to a happy issue. The farther emissions of Continental Money having now ceased, seems to afford a solid foundation for establishing public Credit upon some fixed principles, and ensuring the public supplies. The alacrity with which the assemblies of this State have enacted Laws for raising money by Taxes, as recommended by the Honourable Congress, demonstrates their zeal for the General Cause, and has induced us to exert the authority entrusted to us to execute them with energy and expedition. For this end we have specially called upon all officers throughout the State elected to this necessary duty, requiring their utmost

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exertions, and we trust every good Man and lover of his Country will yield a cheerfull compliance and assistance.

We lay before you sundry resolutions of the Honourable Congress on this subject, and also for procuring such supplies of specifick articles as the resources of this State may enable her to furnish in the common cause. We also lay before you sundry papers on the affairs of the frontiers, which in various respects requires the attention of the House at the present sessions.

Among the other papers now communicated, is also a resolution of the Hon'ble Congress, recommending the enacting a Law for conferring on the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty, within this State, certain rights and immunities in matter of property in return for similar privileges granted the inhabitants and subjects of these States within his Kingdom, agreeable to the Treaty of Alliance, perswaded that every opportunity to manifest our attachment to this great and good Prince, and the Interests of his subjects, must be highly acceptable to the good people of this State. We cannot doubt your ready compliance with this resolution.

In the line prescribed to us by the constitution, we shall most chearfully co-operate with you for the advancement of the Public Interests, and attaining the great purposes of Government.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Jan'ry 25th, 1780.

Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to present the same to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, together with the following papers, Vizt:

A letter from the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esquire, dated Westmoreland, November 29th, 1779, respecting the State of Virginia, empowering commissioners to sell lands within the bounds of this State, particularly in the County of Westmoreland, together with the application of this Board to Congress concerning the said intrusion, their resolve thereupon, and our Proclamation in Consequence thereof, with the letters from this Board of the twenty-fifth of November last, and the eighth of January instant.

Letters from the President of Congress, dated the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth days of December last, inclosing sundry resolutions of that Hon'ble House, on the subject of Supplies for the Army.

Letter from Samuel Hunter, Esq'r, Lieutenant of Northumberland County, dated the twenty-ninth day of December last, together with a Petition and Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants, representing their distressed situation on account of the depredations of the Indians.

Circular letters from this Board to the Commissioners, Assessors, and Collectors of the Public Taxes.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Jan'ry 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill, and Mr. Hambright.

The Petition of Ann Mease, convicted at a Court of Quarter Sessions held at Philadelphia the seventh of December last, of being a common Scold and disturber of the peace, and Sentenced by the said Court to be publickly ducked in the River Delaware, on the Second Wednesday in the Month of March next, was read, praying remission of the said Corporal Punishment, and an Order for her enlargement.

A recommendation from the Justices of the said Court, of the said Ann Mease, being also read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Corporal Punishment be remitted, and that she be discharged from confinement, on giving Security to leave the City and its Vicinities, and paying the Costs of Prosecution.

Major Lee, of the light Dragoons, attended in Council, and laid before the Board a Certificate that Doctor Irvine, Lieutenant Armstrong, and Adjutant Gordon, are returned into the war Office as belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, agreeable to a resolve of Congress of the fifteenth day of March last, and requested that the State Clothier may be directed to furnish them with Clothing accordingly; and on Consideration,

Ordered, That the State Clothier be directed to furnish the Sub-Clothier with Cloathing to Doctor Irvine, Lieuten't Armstrong, and Adjutant Gordon, of Mayor Lee's Corps of light Dragoons, as Officers belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, they being Credited as such in the returns made to the Board of War.

Ephraim Blaine, Esquire, Commissary General of purchases, presented to the Council an Order of Congress in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, January 25th, 1780.

1,000,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Pay to Ephraim Blaine, Esquire, Commissary General of Purchases, or his Order, the sum of One Million of dollars, in part of the Monies raised in the State of Pennsylvania, for the

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use of the United States, for which the said Commissary General is to be accountable.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your very humb'l Serv't,
SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

Entered in the Treasury Books the 22d of Jan'ry, 1780.
JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. Gen'l.

His Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Altho' the State of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this Order, yet as Colonel Blaine agrees to receive the Money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, Commissary General of Purchases, and that the order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Jan'ry 26th, 1780.

For 1,000,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, Commissary General of Purchases, or his Order, the sum of One Million of Dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

The accounts for the repairs of the President's House having been sent into this Board,

Ordered, That they be transmitted to Colonel Bull, who superintended them great part of the time, for his examination and report.

The application of Mrs. Papley for her husband's enlargement on parole, having been read,

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, and he be desired to report to the Board the Circumstances of Captain Papley's Case, in Order that it may be farther Considered.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Jan'ry 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacy,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

Mr. Smiley attended in Council, and informed the Board that the House requested a conference between the Council and the Committee of the house on the subject of the Supplies demanded by Congress.

On consideration,

Agreed, that the Council will confer with the said Committee this evening at Six O'clock.

Mr. Blewer and Mr. Peale attended in Council, by Order of the house, & requested that the great seal of the late Province of Pennsylvania may be delivered to them, agreeable to the vote of the house; but his Excellency the President being necessarily absent, and the said seal being in his possession, the same cannot now be delivered.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Jan'ry 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Reed,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

Mr. Blewer and Mr. Peale attended in Council, and the reverse of the Great Seal of the late Province of Pennsylvania was delivered to them, the Other part being still in the hands of Mr. Physick.

The Petition of John Reine, attainted of High Treason, was read; but he not having surrendered himself, the same was rejected without further consideration.

The petition of Eliz'h Guyer, Wife of Casper Guyer, praying the interference of Council to obtain an exchange of her Husband, now a prisoner in New York, was read.

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Deed to Henry Osborne, Esquire, conveying a certain lott of ground in third street, in the district of Southwark, late the estate of George Harding, forfieted to the State of Pennsylvania, containing in breadth on the said street nineteen feet four Inches and an half, and in length, or depth, eighty feet, Bounded Northward with the said Harding's other ground, Westward with Silas Englis's ground, Southward with James Bringhurst's ground, and Eastward by third street aforesaid. The sum of two thousand three hundred pounds, consideration money, having been Paid to Thomas Hale, Agent for forfieted Estates in the county of Philadelphia. Deed bearing date the twenty-second day of September last.

The Petition of John Wright was read, and unanimously rejected.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Francis McClester, or his Order, for the sum of three thousand six hundred and fifty-eight pounds, Nineteen shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for Carpenter's work done at the President's House.

A Petition from Doctor Adams, Surgeon of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, to be allowed the usual benefits of the Officers of the line.

Resolved, That the same be granted, to be delivered to him at Camp, it being Contrary to a former rule to make any issues elsewhere.

William Henry presented to the Council an order of Congress, in the following Words, to Wit:

October 23d, 1779.

100,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Please to pay to James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier General, or his Order, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, advanced to him on his application, Countersigned by the Board of War, for the use of the Hide department, and for which sum he is to be accountable, and Charge the same to the United States, in discharge of the sum lent by Congress to the State of Pennsylvania, on the ninth day of April last.

By Order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

Ex'd.—C. T.

To the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Entered in the Treasury Office, the twenty-third day of October, 1779.

JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. Gen'l.

And the same was endorsed in the following words, Vizt:

Please to pay the within to William Henry.

JAMES WILKINSON, Clo. Gen'l.

Council Chamber, October 23d, 1779.

Accepted: JOSEPH REED, President.

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Altho' the state of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this Order, yet as Mr. Henry agrees to receive the Money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of William Henry, Esq'r, and that the Order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Jan'ry 28th, 1780.

For 100,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to William Henry, Esq'r, or his Order, the sum of one hundred thousand Dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

To David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer.

William Henry, Esquire, presented to the Council an Order of Congress, in the following words, to wit:

In Congress, January 27th, 1780.

100,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Pay to William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, or his Order, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, in part of the Monies raised by the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to enable him to purchase Cloathing for the use of the Army, the said William Henry to be accountable.

I am, Gentlemen,
your very h'ble serv't,
SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

Ex'd.—C. T.

To His Excellency the President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Altho' the state of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this Order, yet as Mr. Henry agrees to receive the Money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress, in favour of William Henry, Esq'r, and that the Order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words, to wit:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Jan'ry 28th, 1780.

For 100,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to William Henry, Esquire, or his Order, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, agreeable to the within draft, And charge the same to the United States of America.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer.

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An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Peter Summer, for the sum of Sixteen thousand two hundred and sixty-five pounds, the amount of his account for supplying the State Fleet with Beef.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Jan'ry 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Whitehill, and

The Petition of Jacob AX, convicted at the City Court of regrating four pounds and three quarters of Pork, and sentenced by the said Court to suffer two months imprisonment, pay a fine to the use of the State, of the sum of four pounds fifteen shillings and the Costs of prosecution, was read. A recommendation from the Justices of the said Court, of the said Jacob AX, being also read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid by the said Jacob AX, to the use of the State, be remitted, and he be discharged from confinement on paying the Costs of prosecution, and giving security for his good behaviour.

A letter dated the twenty-fifth day of January, instant, from Major General St. Clair, having been read, representing that there had been a mistake in the dates of the Commissions of Captain Becker and Lieutenant Stediford, and that they should be dated as follows: Mr. Becker, Captain, May the fifteenth, 1778; Mr. Stediford, Lieutenant, the twelfth day of October, 1777.

Resolved, That the Board of War be requested to rectify the said mistake, agreeable to the representation of General St. Clair, and forward the Commissions to the President of the Council.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Jan'ry 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Board having agreed with Colonel Blaine, Commissary General of purchases, for the salt remaining in store, at thirty pounds per bushell,

Resolved, That Mr. Aitken be authorized to deliver the same to Mr. Chaloner, and that he be desired to make a return to this Board of the quantity so delivered.

Resolved, That Major Macpherson, now Aid-du-Camp to General St. Clair, being a native of this State, and having left the British service in Order to serve his Country, be authorised to draw from Major Swaine, Sub-Clothier, the like Cloathing as other Officers of his rank in the Pennsylvania line.

Resolved, That Mr. Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, be authorised to Exchange the several Naval Prisoners taken by the Vessels of this State as prisoners of War, any former Order of this Board notwithstanding.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Feb'ry 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of two hundred and sixty-two pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, the amount of his account for his wages as doorkeeper, from the first to the thirty-first day of January last, inclusive, thirty-one days, at twenty dollars per day, and Cash paid for sundries for the use of the Council.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Feb'ry 2, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt, (now first return'd from a visit to his Family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Edward Dickens, for the sum of two hundred and nineteen dollars, ballance of his account for painting work done at the President's House.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'ry 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

The following Petitions praying to be permitted to go into the City of New York, were read:

Petition of Mary Harding for herself and two children, with her Bed and Cloathing.

Petition of Elizabeth Voght.

Petition of Owen Ryan for himself, his Wife and Child.

Ordered, That the prayer of the said three petitions be granted, on Security being given by each of the said Petitioners, in the sum of one thousand pounds, not to return without special permission from this Board.

A letter from the Board of War, dated the second day of February instant, requesting that the Trophies of War in the possession of the Council may be delivered to them, agreeable to an order of Congress, passed in 1778, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table for further consideration.

On motion, agreed that Captain Hambright and General Lacey, be a Committee to Obtain the Minutes and papers relative to the proceedings of the Council of Safety, and deposit them in the Secretary's office.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Feb'ry 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Whitehill.

The Petition of Ann Mease being read and considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the sentence of the Court against the said Ann Mease be remitted, and that she be enlarged on payment of fees.

An application, in writing, from Philip Boehm, paymaster of the Militia of the County of Northampton, requesting the sum of "twenty-five hundred pounds," to pay off the Militia of that County, being read and considered,

Ordered, That Philip Boehm be directed to lay before this Board an account of the payment of such monies as have been put into his hands, for the purpose of paying the Militia of Northampton county.

Ordered, That Colonel John Weitzell, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, be directed to exert his utmost endeavours to collect the Militia fines, in order that the same may be applied to the payment of the Militia who have served their tour of duty.

On motion,

Agreed, that the Council do now proceed to chuse, by ballot, a Prothonotary of the County of Northumberland; And the ballots being taken, and a majority of votes being for Mathew Smith; thereupon, Mathew Smith was appointed to be Prothonotary of the County of Northumberland, and Ordered to be commissioned accordingly.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this Board, that Elizabeth Fegan, the wife of an attainted Traitor, having obtained permission to go into the City of New York, yet continues in this City, and is of a very suspicious character; therefore,

Ordered, That the said Elizabeth Fegan do immediately leave this State, and go within the lines of the enemy, and if the said Elizabeth be found within this State after Ten days from this date, that the Sheriff of the City and County be directed to arrest and confine her in the Common Goal, and make report to the Council, that further order may be taken therein.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Pearson, for the sum of three hundred and fifty-seven pounds twelve

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shillings and two pence, for his services and expenses in removing Cattle, in October one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Feb'ry 5th, 1780, Saturday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Ham, for the sum of nine thousand three hundred and ten pounds Six shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for flour and Bread delivered to Mr. William Crispin, late Commissary for supplying the State fleet.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Edward McKeegan, for the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty-two pounds one shilling and ten pence, the amount of his account for Bricklayer's work done at the President's house, and for the necessary materials.

WHEREAS, Sundry persons of the Society called Quakers, have represented that divers hardships and oppressions are exercised in the collection of Public dues, Militia and other fines, by the persons employed in those services; Whereupon, the same being deliberately considered,

Resolved, That this Board doth highly disapprove of all practices tending unnecessarily to distress and impoverish any inhabitants of this State, and as the laws in force afford a sufficient remedy against all such abuses, this Board doth earnestly recommend to any persons so injured by public officers to avail themselves of the State, and bring all such offenders to exemplary punishment, being assured of the utmost countenance and assistance of the public authority in so doing.

Resolved, That the several particular Cases of complaint arising in the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks, and enumerated in a paper delivered to the President, be transmitted to the Attorney General of the State, in order that the same may be prosecuted in the Courts of Justice, if the complaining parties will attend and make the necessary proof.

Resolved, That the collection of Publick Taxes, and supporting a competent force to repel the designs of the common enemy, are indispensible duties, which we owe to ourselves and posterity, and that therefore, it is highly incumbent on public authority to execute

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the necessary laws for these purposes with firmness and resolution, & to support and countenance every Officer of Government therein while discharging his office with fidelity and uprightness.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Feb'ry 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright.

A letter from Colonel Lockry, Lieutenant of Westmoreland county, accompanied with sundry letters which have passed between him and Colonel Broadhead, were read, and

Ordered, To be farther considered.

A letter from General Knox, respecting the Union of Cloren's, Lee's, Porter's and Jones's Companies with Colonel Proctor's Regiment, was read, and committed to the Vice President and Doctor Gardener.

An answer was wrote to the Secretary of Congress's letter of the

The Board also agreed to send the Hessian Colours to the Board of War, agreeable to their late request.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, February 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William McDowell, for the sum of five hundred and seventy-seven pounds two shillings and six pence, the amount of his account for making a Writing Desk and paper case, and sundries, for the use of the Council.

The Council took into consideration a certificate, setting forth that Philip Price had discovered and delivered up to Thomas Levis,

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Agent for forfeited estates in the County of Chester, who signed the said certificate, three Colts, the property of Christ'r Wilson, which sold for two hundred and eighty-five pounds; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Philip Price be allowed one-fourth part of the sum which the said Colts sold for.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Feb'ry 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

The following Message from the Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved, and signed.

Message from the President and Council to the General Assembly.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

We herewith communicate a Petition from the inhabitants of Westmoreland, respecting their defence and protection the ensuing Summer. The furnishing the necessary supplies for this service being the proper business of your Honourable house, we can only express our readiness to give such information in forming an arrangement for this purpose, as our correspondence with the frontiers, and acquaintance with their Circumstances, enables us to do, and to execute any plan that may be devised for their security and relief.

The other matter mentioned in the said Petition, falling expressly within the line of duty of this Board, we shall take suitable measures for enquiry and redress.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Wednesday, February 9th, 1780.

A letter from Charles Pettit, assistant Quarter-master General, dated this day, enclosing a draft by Congress on this State, for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars in his favour, and requesting to be informed, as early as possible, in what manner the money is to be paid, &ca., was read.

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On consideration,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the state of the Treasury, and report to-morrow.

Agreed that his Excellency the President, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Whitehill, be the said Committee.

The Petition of Joseph Walker, praying permission to go into the City of New York, was read, and rejected.

A Deed to Charles Wilson Peale, Esquire, was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying two certain Messuages or Tenements, and two lotts or pieces of ground, on Queen Street, in the District of Southwark, late the estate of John Smith, of Southwark, aforesaid, now forfieted to the State of Pennsylvania, one of them containing in breadth on the said street twenty-feet, and in depth one hundred feet, bounded Northward by William Roden's ground, eastward by George Goodwin's ground, Southward by Queen street, and Westward by the next described lott; and the other of them containing in breadth on Queen Street aforesaid thirty-three feet, and in depth one hundred feet, bounded Northward by Anthony Duche's ground, Eastward by the last described lot, Southward by Queen Street, and Westward by James Hendricks' ground. The first mentioned lot Subject to a ground Rent of four pounds ℔ annum, payable to Thomas Penrose, and the latter Subject to a ground Rent of four pounds two shillings and six pence, payable to Anthony Duche. The sum of thirteen thousand and ten pounds having been paid to Thomas Hale, Agent for forfeited estates in the county of Philadelphia. Deed bearing date the day of January, 1780.

The application of Lieutenant James Norris for Cloathing, being Considered, and it appearing that he was returned with the other Officers of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, but his name erased afterwards; it also appearing that the said Lieutenant Norris served faithfully during the fatiguing expedition of General Sullivan against the Indians.

Resolved, That Major Swaine, State Clothier, be authorized to receive from Lieutenant Colonel Farmer Cloth and trimmings for a plain Suit of Cloathes, and deliver the same to Mr. Norris, taking his receipt therefor, in the usual manner.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'ry 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.

A Committee of the Honourable House of General Assembly, agreeable to the Order of the house, requested a conference with the Council; and being introduced, a free conference was held on the Subject of the defence of the frontiers of the State, against the Enemy and their Savage Allies; and some further information being necessary, the conference was adjourned 'till to-morrow.

A Resolve of the Honourable House of General Assembly of the third instant, respecting a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cumberland County, praying that a reward may be offered for apprehending certain attrocious Villians named in the said Petition, and referring the same to the Council, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the Table.

Charles Pettit, esquire, Assistant Quarter Master General, presented to the Council an Order of Congress, in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, Feb'ry 8th, 1780.

300,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Pay to Charles Pettit, Assistant Quarter Master General, or his Order, the Sum of Three hundred thousand dollars, (being part of the Monies raised by the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States,) on account of Major General Greene, Quarter Master General, and for the use of his department; for which he is to be accountable.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very humble Serv't,

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

Exam'd C. T.

To his Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Entered in the Treasury Office, the eighth of February, 1780.

Altho' the State of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this Order, yet as Colonel Pettit agrees to receive the Money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Charles Pettit, Esquire, and that the

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Order for so doing be endorsed in the following words on the said draft:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Feb'ry 10th, 1780.

For 300,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to Charles Pettit, esquire, Assistant Quarter Master General, or his Order, the Sum of three hundred thousand dollars, agreeable to the within draft, And charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Feb'ry 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Whitehill,

The Petition of Isaac Melchor, Adam Melchior, and David Shaffer, being again read, wherein they represent that they have tendered to the County Treasurer a Sum of Continental Money, in full discharge of a redeemable Ground Rent, payable in Spanish dollars, accruing to the State from a lott of Ground in Second street, formerly belonging to Andrew Allen, an attainted Traytor, and setting forth a Judgment or Decree of the Supreme Court on the same, and also praying that this Board would approve of the said tender, and pass an Extinguishment of the said ground Rent; Whereupon, the same being Considered,

Resolved, That reasonable legal doubts having arisen to the said tender, as also to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in the Case of the Commonwealth being a Creditor, and not a Debtor; and upon inquiry, it being found that it has not been the practice upon the Act of Assembly to extinguish redeemable Ground rents, as prayed by this Petition, the same be dismissed, and the parties be left to their remedy at Law.

Petition of Daniel Kennedy, Adjutant of the sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, Setting forth his Circumstances, being a Prisoner on Parole, and in a distressed situation from his want of health, and praying a supply of Cloathing, was read;

And it appearing that his Case requires immediate attention,

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Ordered, That General Lacey and Captain Hambright be authorised to go to the State Store, and deliver to Adjutant Kennedy such Cloathing as his present necessity requires, to be charged to him.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Feb'ry 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

Mr. Bryan, Colonel Proctor, and Mr. Wynkoop, a Committee of the Honourable house of Assembly, having requested a Conference with the Council, were introduced.

The Committee stated the Case of Colonel Haller, Waggon Master of the County of Berks, as represented in his petition to the house; And thereupon, reference was had to the Orders of this Board of April the twenty-second, 1779, which appears fully to answer the Case of Colonel Haller; And thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy of the said Order of the twenty-second of April, 1779, be made out and delivered to the said Committee, with a Certificate of Colonel Haller's appointment as Waggon Master of the County of Berks.

A letter from the Honourable Samuel Huntingdon, esquire, President of Congress, dated the tenth day of February instant, and a resolve of Congress of the ninth day of February instant, therein enclosed, relative to the Troops to be raised for the ensuing Campaign, were read.

The Petitions of Robert Matthews and William Rippon, praying for permission to pass into the City of New York, were read and rejected.

Captian Boys and Colonel Nichola presented their Monthly returns, and were Ordered to lay over for Consideration on Monday.

A letter from George Wall, esq'r, Sheriff of Bucks County, informing that he had served the summons of this Board on Benjamin Yeamans, to attend the Tryal of Mr. Hooper at Morris Town.

Captain Peale and Mr. Blewer, two of the Committee of Assembly for considering the affairs of Westmoreland, and our dispute with Virginia, sent in a Copy of a letter receiv'd from Mr. Griffin, delegate for Virginia, containing some extracts of a letter from Governor Jefferson on that Subject; which was Ordered to be filed.

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A Compleat Set of the laws of the State, and the Constitution or form of Government, were forwarded to the Secretary of Congress, agreeable to his request.

WHEREAS, The frequent applications of Persons to go to New York, is attended with many inconveniences and delay of publick business,

Resolved, That the Secretary do give notice that all persons desirous to go into the Enemies lines, are to apply within ten days from this date, giving to his Office their names, and those of their securities, not to return without leave; After which time no Application will be received untill the first day of May next.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Feb'ry 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of Four thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine pounds three shillings and seven pence, the amount of Cash due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, in liew of refreshments and common rations from the fifteenth day of February instant, for which sum he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of three hundred and ten pounds eight shillings and sixpence, for paying the Officers and Men of the Gallies one Month's pay from the first day of January last to the first day of February instant, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Honourable the Chevalier D La Luzerne, Minister of France, of the instant, was read.

In Council.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Hambright.

Ordered, That Mrs. Susanna Papley have a pass to go into New York, with her two daughters, her son and a servant Girl, (two Beds and Cloathing.)

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The Petition of David Kennedy, respecting a tract of land from which the Council have given permission to cut off the wood for the supply of the poor in their extreme distress, to which the said Kennedy lays claim by a late Survey, was read; and thereupon, the Secretary was

Ordered, To enquire whether the said Land had been heretofore surveyed.

The Secretary reports that Mr. John Lukens, late Surveyor General, is confined to his Bed with the Gout, and therefore, cannot furnish a Copy of the Survey; but that there is an early Survey of the said Lands in the land office in right of one Marsh; That he will furnish a Copy thereof in a few days, as soon as he is able.

The following three Petitions praying leave to go into New York, were read and rejected, Vizt: James Walsh's, Christopher Cairns' and Samuel Mylon's.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, esquire, President, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his salary, to be charged to his account.

A letter from Mr. William Turnbull, dated the Eleventh instant, and sundry accounts of the Commissioners of the County of Bucks, for purchasing wheat and Flour, were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said accounts be transmitted to Mr. Turnbull, and that he inform these Commissioners that this Board cannot accept them as stated; that the Charges are in many respects improper, and that it has been suggested, some of them instead of returning the Wheat as directed, to the Inhabitants, have converted it to their own use, from which they have derived considerable profits. That Mr. Turnbull be authorised to submit the accounts to Arbitration, and that, unless the same be complied with, the accounts be sent in to the Assembly with the sense of the Board thereon.

The Petition of Anthony Shoemaker, setting forth that he has a wife and children on Long Island, within the lines of the Enemy; that they are suffering many hardships and insults, and labouring under many difficulties on account of his attachment to the American Cause, and praying a pass to Elizabeth town, and a recommendation to the Officer commanding on that Station, in order to concert some plan to remove his Wife and Children from the Enemy, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted accordingly.

A letter from Colonel Hazen, remonstrating against any partial provision being made for the Officers and Men in his Regiment belonging to Philadelphia; also, a Copy of a Petition presented by him to General Washington on the same subject, were read.

The letter from the Officers of the said Regiment, being also read a second time; thereupon,

Resolved, That the papers be transmitted to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and that the President request him to favour

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this Board with his Opinion, whether the publick service will be prejudiced by compliance with the request of the Officers of Colonel Hazen's Regiment.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Feb'y 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The resolution of the Assembly recommending it to this Board to fix the compensation to be made to Mr. Bradford, as Commissary of Prisoners, being again read and considered,

Resolved, That the pay and rations of a Captain of one of the Gallies, amounting to Ninety-one pounds eleven shillings and four pence per week, be allowed from the time of his appointment.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'ry 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Commissioners for procuring of Salt made a return of one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight bushells and a half of Salt, delivered by them to John Chaloner, Deputy Commissary of Purchases, agreeable to contract, with Ephraim Blaine, Commissary General; thereupon,

Ordered, That a draft be made on Ephraim Blaine, esquire, Commissary General of purchases, for the sum of thirty-nine thousand eight hundred and fifty-five pounds, amount of the said salt, to be paid on or before the first day of April next, and the same was drawn accordingly.

Petition of Charles Mifflin, praying leave for himself and family to go into New York, was read; and on consideration, the same was agreed to be granted.

Petition of Susanna McGinnis, praying leave to go to New York, was read, and rejected.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Benjamin Town, for the sum of seven pounds, for fourteen days collecting

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wood in the State of New Jersey, for the use of the Gallies, at ten shillings per day.

WHEREAS, The Public necessities require a speedy payment of all Monies collected on account of the State; & also that all officers who have acted therein, should prepare their accounts for settlement, and the agents for confiscated estates, having acted under the immediate appointment of this Board:

Resolved, That the said agents for the City and County of Philadelphia do lay before this Board, on or before the tenth day of March next, a particular account of their proceedings in their several trusts, specifying the several estates by them seized or released for the publick use, the time of Sale, the times of payment of the purchase money, their payments to the Treasurer, the purchase money unpaid, and the ballances in their hands, and also specifying what estates remain unsold. That the Agents for Chester and Bucks county make a like return, on or before the twentieth day of March next. That the Agents for Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks and Northampton, do make the like return, on or before the first day of April next; and the Agents of the other Counties by the first day of May next. And that the said Agents, in the farther prosecution of this business, do pay a due regard to the resolution of And that this resolution be published in the several Newspapers.

A letter was wrote to General Washington, with the papers respecting the application of the officers in Hazen's Regiment.

A letter was received from the Honourable Board of War, in answer to one requesting a return of the Troops of this State, pursuant to a resolve of Congress of the fifteenth of May last.

The following message from the Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved and signed, to wit:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN—The resolutions of the Honourable Congress for recruiting the Continental Army, having been Communicated to us, we think it necessary to lay them before you, without loss of time. We cannot doubt your concurrence in sentiment with us, that true Wisdom and sound polocy suggest a Vigorous preparation for the ensuing Campaign, as the most effectual means to repel any invasion of the enemy, and compel them to accede to safe and honourable terms of peace.

An account of the Troops furnished by this State to the Federal Army is now laid before you, formed upon the returns made at the close of the last Campaign. And it is so little deficient of the number required from the State for the ensuing Campaign, that we may justly presume (Other States supporting a due proportion) a vigorous and effective army may take the field the approaching season.

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The restless ambition and tyranny of that power which has hitherto waged inexpiable War against these States, still urges her to continue the hopeless conflict. But surely we may, without arrogance, presume, that if single and unprovided we could successfully cope with this once mighty power, we may now, with the support of great and powerfull princes, easily crush these last efforts of disappointment and despair. The resources of America are great; we possess every requisite for War; and can it be doubted, that wisdom or virtue will now be wanting to draw them forth for the public service, and establish our liberty, Sovereignty, and independence, on the most solid foundation.

The Secretary will also lay before you some sentiments of the Minister of his most Christian Majesty, now residing here, on that article of the Treaty of alliance which establishes the reciprocal rights of French and American subjects in the respective countries, together with the Edict of his most Christian Majesty, Conformable to the Treaty. We are persuaded that your Honourable house will, from duty and inclination, embrace every Occasion to Cherish and strengthen the Bonds of Union and affection, happily subsisting between the two Nations, and ripen them into the most solid and permanent friendship, to which a security of property, and mutual communication of rights and privileges, must have a happy and beneficial tendency.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Feb'ry 17th, 1780.

Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to present the same to the Honourable house of General Assembly, with the following returns:

Return of the Troops of the Pensylvania line, dated the eighteenth of June, 1779.

Of the five Companies of the German Regiment, belonging to Pennsylvania.

Of the Invalid Regiment belonging to do., of the twenty-second of April, 1779.

Of Men enlisted by Colonel Proctor, dated 9th of June last.

Of Colonel Hubley's Regim't, of 15th June last.

Of Colonel Butler's do. of 13th do.

Of Capt'n Isaac Coren's Comp'y, of 2d April last.

Of Capt'n Lee's Company, of 17th August.

Of Gen'l St. Clair's division, October 15th.

Of Colonel Hazen's Regim't, of 2d Feb'ry, 1780.

Of the Troops of Pennsylvania attached to the following Corps, to Wit: Nicholas's, Gibbs', Schott's, Lamb's, Crane's, Lees', Livingston's, and Jackson's, under the resolution of Congress of 15th March, 1779, dated the 14th day of February, 1780.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Feb'ry 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Petition of William Barton was read, praying leave for himself and Mr. Paul Zantzinger to go to Elizabeth Town, there to confer with Mr. and Mrs. Barton; and on consideration, it was agreed that the said Petition be Granted.

The Petition of Ann Shroudy, praying leave to go to New York, was read; and thereupon, it was agreed that the said Petition be granted.

The Petition of Cornelius Lery, praying leave to go to New York, was read and rejected.

A General uneasiness being evident, on account of an Opinion that Thomas Hale, one of the Agents for forfieted estates, has been concerned in speculation, while it is supposed the Monies of the State are in his hands,

Ordered, That Doctor Gardiner and Mr. Whitehill be appointed to confer with Mr. Hale on that business.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Feb'ry 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

A deed to James Budden, John Dunlap, Jacob Morgan, John Mease, Thomas Lieper, Joseph Carson, and John Chaloner, conveying one hundred & eighty-seven acres and an half of Marsh on Tinicum Island, in Ridley Township, in the county of Chester, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, now forfieted to the use of the State of Pennsylvania, and bounded as follows, Viz't: Beginning at a stake standing in the middle of Bow-creek, being also a corner of land sold to William Kerlin; thence by the same and by land

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of James Hunter and Philip Price, south twenty-six degrees east to low-Water mark in the River Delaware; thence up the several courses of the said River about two hundred and thirty perches, to the mouth of Bow-Creek aforesaid; thence up the several courses of the said Creek about three hundred and fifty-two perches and a half, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and eighty-seven acres and an half of Land and Marsh, part of a larger tract, two hundred and twelve acres: The sum of sixty-three thousand four hundred and eighteen pounds eleven shillings and eight pence, consideration money, having been paid to Thomas Levis, esquire, Agent for the County of Chester, on the twenty-first day of September last. Deed dated the nineteenth day of February instant.

The Petition of Mary Machbanks, praying permission to go into the City of New York, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be granted, on security being given not to return.

An application from Anne Riche, praying leave to go into New York & return again, being read and considered,

Ordered, That Mrs. Anne Riche be permitted to go into New York, she giving security not to return again without leave, and not Otherwise.

A letter was wrote by the President to Edmund Physick, esquire, late Receiver-General under the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania, demanding the Books, papers, documents, &ca., of his Office, agreeable to the late Act of Assembly for vesting the estates of the late proprietaries in the commonwealth.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Feb'y 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

The Petition of Peter Schwoope, of the twenty-first instant, was read and rejected.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Feb'y 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill.

A Petition of Rebecca Paul, praying to go to New York with two children, or if that cannot be granted, to Elizabeth Town, to send said children to their parents in New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That she have a pass to proceed to Elizabeth Town.

The Petition of Jane Evans was read, praying a pass to New York with two Children; and thereupon,

Ordered, That she have leave to proceed thither, giving a security not to return to this State without leave.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Charles Hurst, requiring his attendance on this Board at twelve O'clock to-morrow, and that he bring with him the Pass given him last fall from this Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Thomas Story, requiring his attendance on the Board to-morrow at one O'clock.

Sundry resolutions of the Hon'ble house of Assembly, for raising four Companies of Rangers, for defence of the frontiers, was delivered to the Board, read, and

Ordered, To be farther considered.

A letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Hart was read, informing the Board that one Asher Levy, a person of disaffected Character, was in this City, and that there was great reason to believe he was a Spy.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Feb'ry 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President,

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

The Petition of Mrs. Magdelan Divine, praying a pass to go into the City of New York, was read; and

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On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be granted on security being given not to return.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Charles Cook, requiring his attendance on the Board to-morrow at one O'Clock.

Thomas Story and Charles Hurst attended, agreeable to the Order of yesterday.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'ry 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, &
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Arndt,	

A Representation from the Sheriff and the Commissioners of the County, was read, informing the Board of the insecure state of the Goal, and requested a guard; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the President direct the Sheriff to apply to the Wardens to remove the Watch from the court house to the Prison, and that this Board will defray the extra expences arising from hireing an additional Watchman.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'ry 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill.

A Deed to the Reverend David Telfair, and Elizabeth, his wife, was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying a lott or piece of ground, with five Messuages or tenements situate thereon, at the North-east corner of third and Vine Streets, in the Northern liberties aforesaid, containing, in breadth, on vine Street aforesaid, thirty-six feet and an half, and in length, or depth

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on third street, ninety feet; Bounded Northward with Richard Hopkins's ground, eastward by a ten feet alley, Southward by Vine street, and Westward by third street aforesaid, late the estate of Thomas Mackiness, now forfieted to the State. The sum of twenty-one thousand pounds consideration Money having been paid to Thomas Hale, agent for forfieted estates in the county of Philadelphia, on the twenty-ninth day of October last. Seized and sold on the eighteenth of September last. Deed bearing date the twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred & seventy-nine.

A Deed to David Duncan, of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying a certain lot or piece of ground, situate on Christian and Second streets, in the district of Southwark, containing in front on Christian street, forty feet, and in depth on second street, one hundred and twenty feet; bounded as follows, vizt: South by Christian street, West by Second Street, North by ground of the Widow Davy, and east by ground of John Wilson, subject to a ground rent of six pounds per annum, payable to William Honeyman, late part of the estate of John Tolly; The sum of five thousand one hundred pounds consideration money having been paid to Thomas Hale, agent for forfieted estates in the county of Philadelphia, on the twenty-seventh day of September last. Seized and sold, agreeable to law, on the twenty-sixth day of August last. Deed dated the twenty-fifth day of February instant.

A petition from Eliza Lewis Treichell, praying to be allowed to take back a house sold to Lawrence Fegan, an attainted Traytor, was read, and rejected.

A petition from Francis Nelson, indicted for misprision of Treason, praying a pardon, and permission to go to Ireland, was read, and rejected, it being contrary to a standing rule of the Board to pardon before Tryal.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Feb'ry 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardener,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Gardner, esquire, for the sum of four thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

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The Petition of Andrew Keyser, setting forth that he had been convicted of Sheep-stealing, but that the Court had not proceeded to pass sentence, that he might have time to apply to this Board for a pardon, and also setting forth that he was a Youth, under the influence of his father; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed, it appearing to this Board that the declining to pass sentence upon conviction was irregular, and may hereafter prove very prejudicial to the publick, if the offenders should escape. That it is also contrary to a standing rule of the Board to pardon any person untill Tryal, conviction and sentence passed.

The recommendation of the Hon'ble house of assembly of the third day of February instant, being again read and considered.

Resolved, That a proclamation issue to apprehend Benjamin Nugent, William Nugent and John Rosborough, persons suspected of burning the houses and barns of Major Johnston, and that three thousand dollars be offered as a reward for apprehending and securing, in any Goal of this State, the said Benjamin and William Nugent and Robert Rosborough.

And also offering pardon to any accomplice in the said offences who shall discover the said offenders, or either of them, and assist in bringing them to Justice, and also directing the Sheriff and Officers of Justice, as well as all other persons, to be aiding and assisting in the premisses.

Major Swaine, State clothier, made a return of the Cloathing delivered to two hundred and thirty-five Officers, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four privates. Deficiencies, fourteen coats, nineteen vests, nine pair overalls, Sixty-six Shirts, three pairs of Stockings, fourteen pair of shoes, Three hats, eight yards of blue cloth, nine yards of white Cloth, and one yard of brown linnen.

A petition of William Tretwell, to go to England, by way of New York, was read, and rejected.

An application from Captain Thomas Jaynes, against Philip Boehn, paymaster of Militia for Northampton County, was read, complaining of being kept out of his pay.

Resolved, That the President be desired to write to the said paymaster, informing him of said complaint, and directing him to satisfy the people, if entitled.

WHEREAS, The using publick money for private purposes is at all times a breach of trust, but is greatly enhanced when such money is employed in that species of Traffick called speculation; and it appearing to this Board that Thomas Hale, Agent for forfieted estates, has employed a considerable sum of the Money by him receiv'd for the use of the State, for the above purposes, this Board, therefore, dismiss the said Thomas Hale from his Office of Agent of confiscated estates, and he is hereby dismissed accordingly.

Resolved, That William McMullin, esquire, be appointed Agent for confiscated estates for the county of Philadelphia, in the room of Thomas Hale.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Feb'y 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Whitehill, &
Mr. Hambright.

A representation of John Biddes, against John Moore, esquire, for misconduct in his office, was read, and Mr. Moore and Dr. Gardner having conferred with the said Biddis thereon, report that the said complaint appears to be frivolous, and thereupon, the same was dismissed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Lang and Clayton, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-eight pounds and fifteen shillings, the amount of their account for Rum for the use of the Men employed in Preserving the President's house from the late Fire at the house of the Honourable Mr. Holker.

The Commissioners for receiving and distributing the Salt last fall, under the directions of this Board, having made a report of their proceedings, from which it appears that there are yet one hundred and seventy-seven bushells and three-fourths of Salt unpaid for, amounting, at thirty pounds per bushell, to five thousand three hundred and thirty-two pounds ten shillings, which the said Commissioners are desired to pay. And the Board taking into consideration the time & services of the said Commissioners,

Ordered, That they be allowed eighteen hundred and seventy-five pounds therefor, and that the thanks of the Council be given them for their good services in this business.

A letter was received from his Excellency General Washington, dated the twenty-third instant, containing his opinion on the Memorial of Major Reed & others, belonging to Colonel Hazen's Regiment, that it would be advisable to comply with their request: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Officers and Men and Colonel Hazen's Regiment returned, as belonged to this State, be entitled to the like benefits, and advantages as any officers in the line of the State, and that the Commissaries and Clothiers supply them accordingly.

A letter was received from the Board of War, in answer to an application respecting one Milsheimer, a Chaplain in one of the German Regiments taken at Saratoga, wherein the Board of War inform that they have ordered their Commissary of prisoners to send him to New York.

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The President laid before the Board a letter received from the Governor of Virginia, respecting the disputed territory; which being read, was ordered to be communicated to the Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Feb'y 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Whitehill.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale, late Agent for confiscated estates, deliver up to Mr. M'Mullin, the remaining papers belonging to his office, and pay the ballance of monies in his hands to Mr. Rittenhouse, without delay.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Frederick Muhlenberg, for five thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Commissioners for receiving and distributing of Salt, for the sum of five thousand nine hundred and thirty-two pounds ten shillings, for paying for one hundred and Seventy-seven bushells and three quarters of Salt, not yet paid for.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Commissioners for receiving and distributing of Salt, for the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds, for their services in the said business.

The Auditors appointed by this Board on the twenty-second of April, 1779, pursuant to a resolution of Assembly of the thirty-first of August, 1778, to hear and determine the claims of Jehu Eyre, and others, respecting plank and timber taken by the enemy, made their report, which was ordered to be transmitted to the house of Assembly.

The President laid before the Board a letter received from the President of Congress, dated the twenty-sixth instant, inclosing sundry resolutions of that Body for procuring supplies for the Army, which were read, and also ordered to be sent to the house of Assembly.

The Commissioners of Taxes for Philadelphia County having in a Memorial represented that they find difficulties arising from the Construction of the act for raising fifteen Million of dollars,

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Resolved, That the said Memorial and papers be communicated to the Hon'ble house of Assembly.

The Board having taken into consideration the abuses practised by some persons in possessing themselves of lands heretofore occupied or claimed by the Proprietaries, and of lands belonging to persons in foreign parts, under colour of Old rights,

Resolved, That the following Message be sent to the house of Assembly thereupon, together with the papers Ordered above.

Message from the President and council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

We think it necessary to call your attention to a Publick abuse which is daily increasing, and for which the Laws now in force do not sufficiently provide. Since the act for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries in this Commonwealth, many persons under the colour of Old rights, without any authority, and in a most irregular manner, have taken possession of lands heretofore possessed by the Proprietaries, or the property of persons residing in foreign parts, and are not only committing waste, but drawing in unwary purchases, so as to extend the mischief, and embarrass not only the property of the State, but its political Interests and reputation, all which must be eventually affected by these practices.

We shall, on our parts, chearfully execute such laws, or pursue such other measures as may be adopted to remedy this evil, the consequences of which are too obvious to make it necessary for us to enumerate them to your honourable house.

A former house of Assembly having recommended to this Board the appointment of Auditors, to adjust the Claims of Jehue Eyre and others, for Timber and plank taken from them by the enemy; and this resolve having been carried into execution, we now return the report made by the Auditors, that the house may take such farther Order therein as they may deem proper.

A very important communication having been also made to us this morning, whereby this State is called upon to furnish specifick supplies for the Army, to a very large amount, we would lose no time in laying it before you. It appears to us, both in its nature, Operation and Consequences, to involve considerations of the most interesting nature, and to require great wisdom and caution in devising, as well as vigour and prudence to execute, a plan which will give it the desired effect. The framing such a plan, and providing the ways and means of executing it, being the Constitutional right of your Honourable house, we cannot doubt of its receiving your early and most deliberate attention.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Feb'ry, 29th, 1780.

William McMullen, esquire, appointed Agent for confiscated estates, took the usual Oaths of Office appointed by the Act of As-

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sembly, for the attainder of divers Traitors, &ca., and received Books of the late Agent, Mr. Hale.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright.

A letter from Mr. Hale, agent for confiscated estates, was received, dated February the twenty-sixth, respecting the Indian lands, to which an answer was wrote.

The papers of yesterday, and Message, were sent into the house of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacy,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the Sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his Salary, for which he is to account.

A deed to Thomas Britton was examined, and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying a yearly rent charge of forty-two pounds ten shillings, issuing out of a certain lott of ground, situate on the East side of Water Street, in the Northern liberties, containing in breadth, on the said Water Street, fifty feet, and extending thence into the River Delaware, Bounded Westward by Water Street, Northward by Callowhill Street, Eastward by the River Delaware, and Southward by the Proprietaries' land, late payable to Samuel Shoemaker, now forfieted to the State, The Sum of fifteen hundred & twenty pounds consideration money having been paid

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to Thomas Hale, Agent for confiscated estates in the county of Philadelphia, Sold the twentieth day of September last. Deed dated the Second day of March instant.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the Sum of two hundred and sixty-eight pounds one shilling and three pence, the amount of his account for sundry articles bought for the use of the Council, And his wages for attendance at the Door from the first day of Feb'ry to the twenty-ninth, twenty-nine days, at twenty dollars per day.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Trickett, for the Sum of fifty-nine pounds five shillings, amount of his account for binding sundry Books, and for Quills, Ink, &ca., for the use of the Council.

Captain Porter and Captain Powers, of the Companies of Artillery now by law included in Colonel Proctor's regiment, having, in behalf of themselves and Other Officers of said Companies, applied for an Order for Cloathing out of the State Store,

Resolved, That Major Swaine be authorized to deliver to the Officers of the said Companies the like proportion of Cloathing as has been issued to the other Officers belonging to this State, and make returns thereof as in Other Cases, and also, that the Officers and Men of said Companies be in future entitled to the same enumerated articles as the other Officers and privates of the same Rement:

And that Captain Zeigler, or other, the issuing Officer of the said refreshments, do furnish them accordingly.

An application from Captain Stiles being read,

Resolved, That he in his discretion, employ such Workmen as he thinks proper, to repair the arms belonging to the State; that he endeavour to get them done on the best terms and in the best manner.

It being represented to this Board that the great quantity of Ice in the Schuylkill has carried away the bridge and interrupted the passage of the River,

Resolved, That Mr. Benjamin Eyres be desired to collect the scattered parts thereof in the most expeditious manner, and that as soon as may be, he report to the Board what repairs will be necessary, and that he be desired also to furnish an estimate of the expence which will attend the replacing it.

Captain Galt's papers and account having been laid before the Board, were returned to him this morning; Council being of opinion he was not taken in the discharge of his duty, and also that as he had received from Mr. Pinlard, Continental agent at New York, the sum of two hundred and seven pounds nine shillings and three pence, hard money, reckoning a dollar at eight shillings, out of which his Board and other expences had been Paid, his charge of rations here also was irregular, as well as what had been furnished to his Wife.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 3rd, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three pounds and four pence, amount of money due to the said Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelper and McIlhatton, & Lieutenants Honeywood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the fifteenth of January to the twelfth of February, 1780.

The Petition of John Ensmenger, referred to this Board by the house of Assembly, being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Doctor Hutchinson, State Surgeon, that he enquire into the facts set forth in the Petition, and if he shall find them to be true, that he get him provided for at the Hospital, or house of employment, on the best terms that can be obtained, and this Board will defray the expence thereof.

The President having laid before the Board a letter from the Honourable Mr. Hopkinson, Judge of the Admiralty, with sundry papers, tending to demonstrate the right of the Council of France to the depository of the monies of the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty, for which no regular Claimants appear in the Courts of Law, and requesting the advice of the Board therein.

Resolved, That the same be sent to the Attorney General for his Consideration and Opinion, and that he be desired to confer with the Honourable the Chief Justice thereupon, reporting to this Board the result as soon as he conveniently can.

A letter and account from Mr. Turnbull, Agent for purchasing Flour last fall, by which it appears there was advanced to the Commissioners three hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty-six dollars, of which only one hundred and twelve Barrells of Flour was received, which at seventy-five pounds per cent. is forty-four thousand eight hundred dollars, and no more than eighty-three thousand six hundred and forty-six dollars returned, leaving a ballance of two hundred and thirty-two thousand two hundred dollars in the hands of the said Commissioners since October and November last.

The Chief Justice having personally satisfied the Board, that Mr. John Vance had apprehended with great trouble and expence, one Thomas Burney, a Notorious Counterfeiter of Publick money,

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(for whom a reward of five hundred dollars was offered by this Board) and horse thief, and brought him to this Goal of this City,

Resolved, That the said John Vance is intitled to the said reward, and an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said John Vance, for the sum of five hundred dollars, agreeable to the resolution of this Board of the Second of September last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

A deed to John Young, Jun'r, was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying a tract of one hundred and sixty acres and one hundred and twenty perches of land, situate in Bensalem Township, in the County of Bucks, late belonging to Joseph Galloway, during the term of his natural life, now forfieted by his attainder, to the use of the State, bounded as follows, to wit: Begining at a Stake for a Corner on the bank of the Delaware; thence by land of William Smith, North twenty-seven degrees and one quarter West two hundred and twenty-eight perches and six-tenths of a perch to a stone and stake; thence south fifty-eight degrees West one hundred and twenty-eight perches to a stake; thence by Willing's land, South thirty-two degrees East one hundred and ninety-four perches, to the said River Delaware; thence up the said River, the several courses thereof, to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and sixty acres and one hundred and twenty perches, as aforesaid, To be held and enjoyed by the said John Young, Junior, and his heirs, for and during the term of the natural life of the said Joseph Galloway, the sum of one thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds having been paid to George Wall, esquire, Agent for confiscated estates in the said County, on the tenth day of September last, and the sum of Four thousand nine hundred and thirty-five pounds Paid to David Rittenhouse, esquire, State Treasurer, on the twenty-fourth day of September last, both which sums being the full consideration money for the same. Deed dated the fourth day of March Instant.

WHEREAS, It appears by Mr. Hale's Books, that there is a ballance of about fifty thousand due to the State from him, which he having neglected to pay as by law directed:

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Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to issue a process against him for the said sum, agreeable to the seventh section of the Act entitled A Supplement to the act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawfull claims thereupon, passed at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President,

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Read, esquire, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the Schuylkill Bridge, and a proposal from John Mitchell, esquire, in behalf of the Quarter Master General's department, to replace the said bridge, and keep it in repair for one year, a total destruction by great Floods only excepted; in consideration of which the continental Teams, Officers and Men, are to pass over without payment of any Toll; the same was now accepted, and,

Resolved, That the Tenant there be considered as the Tenant under the Quarter Master General's department, and Mr. Mitchell account to the Board for the rent, which, fixed at seven hundred pounds for the present Month of March, the present rates being to be taken for this month, viz:

A single person, two shillings & 6d.
Horse, loaded or unloaded, five shillings.
Horse and Chair, twenty-two shill's & 6 pence.
Chariot, or Phæton & pair, thirty-seven shillings and six pence.
Chariot and four horses, forty-five shillings.
Cart and horse, seven shillings & six pence.
Waggon and four horses, twenty-two shillings and six pence.
Cattle, two shilling & six pence.
Sheep, one shilling & three pence each.
Swine, one shilling & three pence each.
Sleigh or Sled, Ten shillings.

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Each person in any Sleigh, Sled, Waggon, Chair, Chariot, or Cart, beside the driver, two shillings & six pence.

And if circumstances occasion any alteration in the rates, there be a proportionate alteration in the rent.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the President did lately, at the desire of the Board, issue a warrant, under his hand and seal, for apprehending Joseph Richardson, a person of bad fame and character, and against whom complaint has been made that he is disaffected to the interests of America, and that his going at large is dangerous to the rights and interests of the good people thereof, and of this State in particular; and it appearing also to this Board, that the said Joseph Richardson is the same person against whom a Proclamation heretofore issued, and for whose apprehension a reward was offered, he being charged with counterfeiting the Money of the then province of Pennsylvania, and also of New Jersey.

Resolved, therefore, That as well pursuant to an act of Assembly of this State entitled, "An act to empower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected Persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable, for neglecting to perform their tour of Militia duty," as for the cause last mentioned, the said Joseph Richardson do stand committed to the Goal of this county, and the keeper thereof to keep him safely 'till this Board shall take farther order thereon, or he be delivered in due course of law.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardner.	Mr. Whitehill,

Dr. Hugh Martin having been recommended to this Board by Doctor Shippen to be appointed Surgeon to the eighth Pennsylvania Regiment.

Resolved, That the same be granted, and that he be recommended to the Board of War for a Commission.

The Board taking into consideration the many inconveniencies and dangers which the publick interests have suffered, and to which they will be exposed during the continuance of the War, from the intercourse which wives of sundry persons who have joined the enemy still hold with them at New York, and the intelligence they give, of which proofs frequently occur:

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Resolved, That notice be given them that passports will be granted to go within the enemies lines to their respective Husbands, before the fifteenth day of April next, and that their neglect of proceeding thither, pursuant to the notice, will make it necessary to take farther measures for this purpose, as the publick security shall require

An intercepted Journal having been laid before this Board, by which it appears that Mrs. Shoemaker, wife of Samuel Shoemaker, now in New York, has by letters of recommendation, and otherwise, assisted Prisoners and others, Enemies to this Government, and to the United States, to pass clandestinely to New York.

Resolved, That General Lacey, Doctor Gardner, and Mr. Whitehill, be a committee to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock, in the library room at the State house, thereupon, and that Mrs. Shoemaker be notified thereof, that she may attend the said committee thereupon, before farther proceedings are had.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Whitehill.

A valuation of certain damages done to the houses of Edward Barrett, in Southwark, by the Militia and flying Camp, dated June seventh, 1777, to the amount of three hundred and four pounds fifteen shillings, was laid before the Board for payment, and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the applicant be informed that no fund has been hitherto made by the house of Assembly for the payment of such accounts; that therefore, this Board have not, at present, the means or power to satisfy him.

The Petition of Jacob Taney of the County of Philadelphia, yeoman, was read, setting forth that he was bound by recognizance to appear at the last Court, to prosecute one Isabella Reily for felony, but that his Wife and children being dangerously Ill, it was not in his power to attend the Courts, by which his recognizance was forfeited; and the facts in the Petition being proved on Oath to the Satisfaction of the Board,

Resolved, That the forfeiture of said recognizance be remitted.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Lacey, Junior, esquire, for one thousand dollars, in part of his pay, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Vance, for the sum of four hundred pounds, for his expenses in securing a certain Thomas Burney, a notorious Counterfeit of Publick Money.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James English, a Serjant in one of the Regiments of this State, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for his services in securing a certain Thomas Burney, a notorious Counterfeiter of Publick Money.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphin apprehend Doctor William Cooper, whose general as well as special conduct has been such as to give just reason to suspect he is an enemy to the American cause, and against whom complaint has been made to this Board; and that the Sheriff bring the said Cooper before this Board to-morrow at one o'clock.

The Petition of Joseph Richardson, now in custody by virtue of an Order of this Board, pursuant to a late Act of Assembly, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia do bring the said Joseph Richardson before this Council to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in order that he may be heard in the premisses, and that this Board may take farther Order therein, if it shall appear necessary.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Whitehill.

A Petition from the Reverend Nathaniel Seidle, on behalf of sundry persons of the Moravian Society, who are arrived at New York, from England, praying they may be permitted to come into this State, in order to proceed to Bethlehem, to their friends and connections, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted, and a pass made out accordingly.

Joseph Richardson being brought before the Board and examined,

Resolved, That he may be remanded to prison 'till farther order.

Dr. William Cooper being also brought before the Board and examined, touching his proceedings in respect to Henry Carter, a disaffected person, whom he had concealed some time, and for whom he had procured a Doctor's place on board an armed ship from this port, and the same being considered,

Resolved, That he depart this State, or give security for his good behaviour, agreeable to act of Assembly; when he made choice of the former, and requested two Months time to prepare, which was granted him.

WHEREAS, There are sundry estates held by persons who have joined the enemy, to which they were entitled by Marriage and Otherwise, which interest being less than freehold, and hitherto having proved burthensome rather than profitable to the State, ought to be sold without delay:

Resolved, therefore, That the Agents for confiscated estates do proceed to the sale of all estates held by attainted persons, less than fee simple, any former resolution of this Board to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Searle, esquire, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for this State for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of eighty thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to be accountable.

A letter was wrote to the Board of War, in answer to one received last week, informing this Board of the apprehended scarcity in Camp.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson,(now first returned from a visit to his family.)
Mr. Arndt,	

Captain Boys having made his monthly return, the following Orders were drawn, to wit:

An Order on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, or his Order, the sum of two hundred and forty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, from the first day of February last to the first day of March instant.

One other Order, drawn in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of four thousand five hundred & forty-one pounds eight shillings

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and seven pence, amount of money due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, in lieu of their refreshments and common rations, from the twelfth day of February last to the eleventh day of March instant.

The Attorney General having given his opinion to this Board upon the case lately referred to him, whereby it appears that the Claim of the Consul of France, to be the depository of monies belonging to the subjects of his most Christian Majesty, having no legal representatives here, is well founded; and this Board concurring therein,

Resolved, That the sense of the Council be made known to the Judge of the Admiralty upon the said claim, but that it be recommended to the Judge that Mr. Holker's Commission of Consul, together with the acknowledgment of it by the State, be recorded in the Court of Admiralty, previous to the delivery of any Money; and that the receipt of such money also be made a matter of record.

A letter from the Commissioners of Berks County, informing the Board of divers obstructions which have been thrown in their way while executing their Office, and requesting the advice and direction of the Board; Whereupon,

Resolved, That a letter be wrote them in answer, containing the sentiments and instructions of the Board in that respect.

A letter from the President of Congress, inclosing a requisition of that house to supply Mr. Holker, the Agent of the Marine of France, with Six thousand barrels of flour, six hundred barrels of Pork, and two hundred barrels of Beef by the first day of May next, was read; and the requisition being addressed to the legislature, a request was made to the committee of supplies to meet this Board; Which being done, and a conference thereon had, the said papers were delivered to Mr. Bryan, Chairman of the Committee, to be laid before the house of Assembly.

An Application was made to the Board by Captain Kimmel, for a reward and indemnification for apprehending Thomas Taylor, a highway Man, executed lately in Lancaster County, and the said Kimmel being recommended by the Chief Justice,

Resolved, That Mr. Whitehill and Mr. Thompson be a Committee to hear him, and report to the Board thereupon.

An application being also made by Larry Burns, a soldier in the Pennsylvania line, but formerly a Dragoon under Captain Craig, that he has been apprehended and committed to Goal by Justice Miller, upon a complaint of one Haines, for that he had been robbed by said Burns of forty pounds, in 1777: And Burns alledging that he had taken the said Money from Haynes in pursuance of Orders he had received from his Officers, to prevent the intercourse between the City and the Country in the Winter of 1777, while the British Troops were in this city,

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Resolved, That Doctor Gardner, General Lacey and Mr. Hambright be a committee to enquire into matter, and report to the Board thereon.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read,	

The Committee appointed yesterday to inquire into the apprehension of Larry Burns, having made report, that he appears to have been acting as a soldier under the command of Continental officers, also acting under special Orders of General Washington, when he stopped the Complainant Haines, and it appearing Otherwise that the Circumstances of the case would render it highly improper to prosecute the said Larry Burns,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed not to prosecute the said Larry Burns, and that Mr. Justice Miller Supercede the Warrant of Commitment, so that the party confined may be at liberty to Join the Army.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Arndt,	

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Michael Diffanderfer, conveying four several tracts or parcels of land, situate in Cocolico Township, in the County of Lancaster, late the estate of Michael Whitman, of the said Town-

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ship and County, now forfeited to the use of the State, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

One of them beginning at a stone at the Fork of Paxton road and Reading road; thence along said Reading Road by land of John Senseman, south sixty-three degrees West ninety-seven perches and a half to a Hickory; thence by Jacob Nagley's land, North twenty Degrees West fifty-seven perches to a Stone; thence by Jacob Gorgas's land North sixty-nine degrees and a quarter east eighty-two perches to a hickory; thence by Samuel Bowman's land South twenty degrees east eighteen perches & a half to a Stone; thence by the same land along the side of the Paxton road, south forty-eight degrees east thirty-one perches and a half to the place of beginning; containing twenty-six acres and eighty perches of land, and the usual allowance of six acres per cent. for Roads.

One other of them begining at a black Oak, in a line of land late of Ludwig Weber; thence by the same, south fifty degrees east one hundred & nineteen perches to a stone; thence by Conrad Holsinger's land, North sixty degrees east thirteen perches and three quarters to a hickory, and South thirty-three degrees east sixty perches to a stone; thence by Martin Nehr's land, north fifty-five degrees east fifty-six perches to a black Oak, and North thirty-three degrees West twenty-four perches to a White Oak; thence by John Palmer's land, North thirty-seven degrees West ninety-seven perches to a Maple, and South eighty-five degrees West one hundred and ten perches and a half to the place of beginning; containing fifty-nine Acres and one hundred and ten perches, and the usual allowance, &ca.

One other of them beginning at a Stone, a Corner of Samuel Bowman's Land; thence by the same Southeast One hundred and twenty perches to a black Oak, Northeast eleven perches to a white Oak, Southeast seventy-one perches to a Stone, North sixty-seven degrees east thirteen perches to a Chestnut Oak, and South nine degrees three quarters East One hundred and twenty-five perches to a black Oak; thence by Jacob Werns' land North eighty degrees East eleven perches to a Stone; thence by land late of Henry Mohler, deceased, North Seven degrees West one hundred and eighty-three perches to a black Oak, North thirty-eight degrees east twenty-seven perches and a half to a White Oak, and North fifty-two degrees West One hundred and four perches to a White Oak; thence by John Lander's land North thirty-three degrees West twenty-three perches and a half to a White Oak; thence by the same land along the side of a Road South Sixty-three degrees West ninety-seven perches to the place of beginning; containing Ninety-nine acres and fifty-three perches of land, and the usual allowance aforesaid.

And the Other of them beginning at a black Oak in the line of Jacob Werns' land; thence by the same South seventy-eight degrees West fifty-two perches to a black Oak; thence by Jacob Neg-

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ley's land, North eighty-eight degrees West nine perches and a half to a hickory; thence partly by the same, partly by John Senseman's, and partly by Samuel Bowman's land, North twenty three degrees West one hundred and five perches to a black Oak; thence by the said Samuel Bowman's land North Sixty-seven degrees east eighty-eight perches and a half to a Stone, & South thirteen degrees east one hundred and twenty perches and three quarters to the place of beginning; containing Forty-seven acres and the usual allowance aforesaid: The Sum of twenty-five thousand pounds consideration Money having been paid to Charles Hall, esquire, Agent for forfeited estates in the said County, agreeable to the terms of Sale. Deed dated the fifteenth day of March instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Michael Kimmel, for the Sum of two hundred pounds, for his services in apprehending and securing a certain Thomas Taylor, a notorious highway-man, lately convicted and executed at Lancaster.

Captain Pry, in behalf of the Officers and privates in Colonel Hazen's Regiment, belonging to this State, having applied to this Board for an order to receive the benefits allowed to the Officers and Soldiers of the line,

Resolved, That the sub-Clothier of the State supply the Officers with Cloathing; and that Captain Zeigler, or other person appointed to distribute the refreshments allowed to the Troops of the State, do issue to the Officers and privates in Colonel Hazen's Regiment, belonging to this State, their due proportion of Stores; That the Sub-Clothier be furnished with a list of the Officers, and that the non-Commissioned Officers and Privates be mustered and such issue made, agreeable to such Muster roll, and that the like Muster be made every three months, agreeable to the resolve of Congress of the fifteenth day of March, 1779.

The petition of John Clarke being read,

Resolved, That the petitioner be referred to Doctor Hutchinson, who is desired to inquire into his Case; and if the petitioner is unable to procure his livelihood, that the said Doctor Hutchinson procure him a suitable place at the Hospital, or house of employment, where he may be decently and properly provided for at public expence.

The petition of William Rowling, a prisoner in the Goal of the County of Northampton, convicted of stealing a quantity of powder, praying a remission of his fine, was read, and also the record of his conviction; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The application of Messrs. Irwin, Carson and Semple, for five hundred weight of powder, being read and considered,

Resolved, That this Board cannot comply with the request, the publick stock being too small to spare any, consistent with the safety of the City.

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Messers. Bayard & Hodge having applied to this Board for some of the old Cannon laying about the Town, and belonging to the State,

Resolved, That the same be complied with, and that Mr. George Henry be authorised to deliver to the above Gentlemen, or order, the quantity they want, they paying him what Mr. Henry sometime ago informed this Board was offered by an Iron Master in New Jersey.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the fourteenth March instant, enclosing a recommendation to appoint the twenty-sixth day of April next as a day of fasting and prayer, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That a proclamation do issue accordingly.

A letter from Simon Sneider, esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county, was read, resigning his commission.

Resolved, That the same be accepted.

A letter from Judge Atlee was read, respecting George Reis and others.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, or his order, for the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three pounds and four pence, amount of Money due to the said Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelper and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the thirteenth day of February last to the twelfth day of March instant, inclusive.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Whitehill.

The Board having, on the Nineteenth of February ult., pursuant to Act of Assembly, demanded from Edmond Physick, esquire, late Receiver General under the proprietaries of this State, the books, Certificates, Order, and other documents, instruments, writings, and seals of his Office, since which the Honourable house of Assembly having appointed a committee to inspect said Books,

Resolved, That the said time of delivery of said books, &c., be postponed to the fifteenth day of April next.

The recommendation of the Congress of the United States of America of the 11th instant, respecting a day of fasting and prayer, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued, recommending to the good people of this State to set apart Wednesday, the 26th day of April next, as a Day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, and that they abstain from all servile labour and recreation.

A letter from the Clerk of General Assembly, inclosing two representations to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, against Frederick Ichelbury and Jacob Ichelbury, was read.

An account of the expence of the Nursing and taking Care of Edward Lega, a Lunatic, belonging to the State Troops, and Edward Bowling and Edward Gibbons, belonging to the State Navy, who had been necessarily sent to the Hospital, being read and considered,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, or their Order, for the Sum of four hundred and twenty pounds, amount of the said account.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Whitehill.

A deed was examined, and signed by his Excellency to Captain George Geddis, conveying a certain lott or piece of land in Germantown, late the estate of Christopher Saur, now Forfeited to the State, Situate on the South-Easterly side of a lane or forty feet Road, leading from Germantown to Abington, commonly called Abington Road; beginning at a Stone, a Corner, by the Side of Abington road, also a corner of a lott of Jacob Keyser; thence by the said Abington road north forty-four degrees east thirty-four perches and a half to a Stone; thence by a lot in the tenure of Dirck Keyser, south forty-four degrees east thirty perches to a Stone in the line of Paul Engle's land; thence by the said Paul Engle's land South forty-four degrees West thirty-four perches and a half to a Stone, a Corner of Jacob Keyser's, in Paul Engle's line aforesaid; thence by the said Jacob Keyser's lot North forty-four degrees West thirty perches to the place of beginning; containing six acres and an half of an acre and one perch. The Sum of one thousand six hundred and Seventy pounds consideration Money having been paid by the said Captain George Geddis, on the twenty-eighth day of September last, to Thomas Hale, late Agent for forfeited estates in the County of Philadelphia, Sold agreeable to Law, on the eighteenth day of September last—Deed dated the eighteenth day of March instant.

WHEREAS, Many of the purchasers of confiscated estates, taking advantage of the depreciation of the Money, have neglected to comply with the conditions of Sale, which were the payment of one fourth of the purchase money in ten days, and the remainder in one Month from the time of Sale, to the great injury of the State, and the embarassment of the Sales:

Resolved, Therefore, prévious to the Signing any deed, the exact times of Sale and of payment be inquired into by a standing Committee of this board, who are to report thereon; and as all the days of payment are long expired, the agents do no other act whatever, on any pretence, touching the past Sales, unless to certify the boundaries, and the times of sale and payment as aforesaid; and that there may be as little delay as possible to the purchasers.

Resolved, That the Vice President, general Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Whitehill, or any three of them, be a Committee for

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that purpose, to meet on this business at the Council Chamber every Morning, from ten to eleven O'clock, and the purchasers, when they apply for their Deeds, are directed to bring the Original receipts.

The following Proclamation was read and Ordered to be published, to wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States of America, by their resolve of the Eleventh day of this instant, March, did recommend in the following words, to wit:

"It having pleased the Righteous Governor of the World, for the punishment of our manifold offences, to permit the Sword of War still to Harress our Country, it becomes us to endeavour, by humbling ourselves before him, and turning from every evil way, to avert his anger and obtain his favour and blessing; it is therefore hereby recommended to the several States, that Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of April next, be set apart and observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, that we may with one heart and one voice, implore the Sovereign Lord of heaven and Earth to remember Mercy in his Judgments; to make us sincerely penitent for our transgressions; to prepare us for deliverance, and to remove the evils with which He hath been pleased to visit us; to banish vice and irreligion from among us, and establish virtue and piety by his divine grace; to bless all publick Councils throughout the United States, giving them Wisdom, firmness and unanimity, and directing them to the best measures for the public good; to bless the Magistrates & people of every rank, and animate and unite the hearts of all to promote the interest of their Country; to bless the publick defence, inspiring all Commanders and Soldiers with magnanimity and perseverance, and giving vigour and Success to the Military operations, by Sea and Land; to bless the illustrious Sovereign and the Nation in alliance with these States, and all who interest themselves in the support of our rights and liberties; to make that alliance of perpetual and extensive usefulness to those immediately concerned, and mankind in general; to grant fruitful seasons, and to bless our industry, trade and manufactures; to bless all Schools and Seminaries of learning, and every means of instruction and education; to cause Wars to cease and to establish Peace among the Nations. And it is further recommended, that servile labour and recreation be forbidden on the said day."

Wherefore, as well in respect of the said recommendation of Congress as of a due sense of the necessity of humbling ourselves before the great Governor of the Universe, and imploring his pro-

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tection and Support, We do hereby earnestly recommend to the good people of this Commonwealth, that the said Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of April next, be set apart and observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, according to the said resolve, and that they abstain from all servile labour and recreation on the said day.

Given by Order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—TIM'Y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.

Resolved, That Major William Armstrong be allowed sixty dollars per day, for his services as paymaster to the Workmen, and others, employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, or other publick works on the Delaware.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to John Young, Junior, Conveying a yearly ground rent of three pounds, lawfull money of Pennsylvania, issuing and payable out of a certain lott of ground, or tenement, now in the tenure of Mary Ryan, Widow, Situate on the West side of Moyamensing road, in the district of Southwark, containing in breadth on said road twenty feet, and in depth one hundred and forty feet, bounded Northerly by Thomas Wharton's ground, Westward and Southward by Margaret Duncan's ground, and eastward by the said Road, late the estate of Enoch Story, now forfeited to the State. The sum of one hundred and twenty pounds consideration money having been paid by the said John Young, Jun'r, on the fourth day of September last, To Thomas Hale, late agent for confiscated estates in the County of Philadelphia, Sold agreeable to law, on the twenty-fifth day of August last. Deed dated the thirty-first day of December last.

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A Deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to John Dunlap, conveying three certain Tracts or parcels of Meadow ground, and Frame Tenements thereon erected, Situate on Boon's Iland, in Kingsess Township, in the county of Philadelphia, one of them beginning at a corner of the great road leading to Chester; thence along the same North twenty-six degrees fifteen minutes east seventy perches; thence by land of ——— Justice, North sixty-seven degrees West thirty-two perches and six-tenths of a perch, to a Corner; thence by land of ——— Coxe, South sixteen degrees west seventy perches to a Corner; thence by ——— Justice's land South sixty-eight degrees east nineteen perches and six-tenths of a perch, to the place of beginning, containing eleven acres and sixty-seven perches, be the same more or less.

One other of them beginning at a Corner of the said great road leading to Chester; thence along the same North twenty-six degrees fifteen minutes East thirty-nine perches and two-tenths of a perch, to a Corner of the Widow Coxe's land, south fifty-five degrees east twenty-nine perches and two-tenths of a perch; thence by the same land South thirty-seven degrees thirty minutes West forty perches and two-tenths of a perch, to a Corner; thence by the same North seventy-four degrees West thirteen perches and five-tenths; thence still by the same land North twenty-nine degrees West eleven perches, to the place of beginning; containing six acres and one hundred and twenty-six perches, be the same more or less.

And the other of them, beginning at a corner in the Widow Coxe's land; thence by the same South sixty-one degrees thirty minutes East sixty-six perches, to a Corner of John Horne's land; thence by the same North twenty-nine degrees east thirty-one perches and nine-tenths of a perch, to a Corner in the said Widow Coxe's land, sixty-two degrees West sixty-six perches, to a Corner in the same land; thence by the same south twenty-nine degrees West thirty perches and six-tenths of a perch, to the place of beginning; containing twelve acres and one hundred and forty-two perches, be the same more or less, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, forfieted to the use of the State by the attainder of the said Joseph Galloway, and Sold agreeable to law, on the twenty-fifth day of August last. The sum of seven thousand nine hundred and eighty pounds consideration money having been paid by the said John Dunlap, on the twelfth day of October last, to Thomas Hale, late Agent for confiscated estates in the said County. Deed dated the twentieth day of March instant.

A Petition from Mrs. Anne Riche to pass to New York and return, was read and rejected.

A letter from General Hand, dated the thirteenth of March, recommending the levelling of the Regiments, and sending a supply of thread, was read.

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A letter from Mr. Nesbit, in answer to one wrote last Friday, was read, containing an account of Mr Elliott's confiscated estate.

A letter from Major Swaine, requesting an increase of pay, and intimating a residence in the City; the resolution of the twenty-third of March being referred to, it appears that the sub-Clothiers are, by resolve of Congress, to reside at Camp, and also that the Board of War are to fix the Salaries.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Hambright.

The following Message from the Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved and signed:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

We think it proper to communicate to you some papers interesting to the State generally, and the frontiers particularly. We doubt not you will think them worthy your special attention. In the line of our duty we shall gladly co-operate with your Hon'ble house for the relief of those unfortunate Settlers, whose distresses and difficulties are of so complicated and encreasing a nature.

In conformity to the desire of the Assembly at the last Session, we transmitted to the authority of Connecticut, on the eighth day of December last, your proposition for an amicable settlement of that dispute, on the principals of the Confederation, to which we had not received any answer, nor do we learn whether any proceeding whatever has been had thereupon.

JOSEPH REED, *President*.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philad'a, March 21st, 1780.

A return of an election of Justices of the peace for the district of Derby, Haverford and Radnor, in the County of Chester, was read, by which it appears that John Pearson and John Lindsay were duly elected, and on consideration,

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Ordered, That John Pearson be appointed a Justice of the peace for the County of Chester, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That a Supersedeas be issued upon a Commission, appointing Isaac Pearson a Justice of the peace for the County of Chester, he having not taken the oath of Office required by the Laws and the Constitution of the State.

A letter from Devereaux Smith, Esquire, dated February the twenty-seventh, 1780, respecting the proceedings of the Commissioners of the State of Virginia, was read.

A letter from Colonel Brodhead, of the twenty-eighth of February, also relating to the proceedings of the State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the letter from Deveraux Smith, Esq'r, be laid before the Hon'ble House of general Assembly.

Petition of Captain Gibbs Jones, of the Artillery, praying leave to resign his Commission, upon half pay, was read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary do Write Captain Jones, and request him to furnish to the Council the state of his Company, with the names of the Men which compose it.

WHEREAS, This Council have received information that divers persons have lately enclosed, and are now about to enclose lands within the bounds of the city of Philadelphia, which have heretofore remained open and common:

And Whereas, It is highly injurious to the Citizens in general, that individuals should appropriate any of those lands to their private use, without good and sufficient Title thereto, of which the authority of the State ought to be duly informed; therefore,

Ordered, That publick Notice be given that all enclosures which have been lately set up, or which shall be hereafter set up, on any of the said lands, without authority and permission from the State for that purpose first had and obtained, will be removed and the lands laid open as heretofore; any pretended rights or surveys made without the express order of the authority of the State, notwithstanding.

A letter from Honowrable Samuel Huntingdon, esquire, dated the nineteenth of March, enclosing two Resolves of Congress, was read:

One of the said resolves, relating to the reconsidering the Laws for making Continental bills of Credit a legal tender; the other relating to finance; which were delivered to Mr. Paine, Clerk of the Assembly, to be laid before the house.

A Memorial from the Officers of Artillery of this State, was read, setting forth the hardships of establishing a line of promotion other than that of the State; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the interposition of this Board in a matter of Continental concern, wherein the rights & interests of Officers of other States may be concerned, and the general arrangements affected, is a point of too much delicacy and difficulty to be assumed by

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this Board, farther than to forward the said Memorial to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, in whose wisdom and prudence and justice, the Memorialists may safely confide.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Arndt,

An Order was drawn on The Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, for the sum of six thousand pounds, for paying the Workmen employed in repairing the State Arms, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Crawford, for the sum of twenty-six pounds fifteen shillings, for his expences in collecting the names of persons who joined the British Army in the Winter 1777.

The President laid before the Board a letter from the Governor of Connecticut, dated the tenth day of March, inst., enclosing a resolve of the Governor and company of the said State, dated the Sixth of January last, declining the proposition of the House of Assembly to refer the dispute between Connecticut & this State on the principles of the Confederation.

A complaint against George Haughton being read,

Resolved, That the same be sent to the Chief Justice & that he may proceed against him according to the usual Course of the Law, or upon the late Act of Assembly respecting disaffected persons, as upon examination of his Case shall be found most advisable.

A Committee of the Hon'ble house of General Assembly attended in Council, in consequence of the Message of Council of yesterday, and proposed, in the name of the house, the consideration of the State of the Frontiers, especially relative to the dispute between this State and Virginia.

Sometime being spent thereon in free Conference, agreed to meet again on that business; and the Committee retired.

The application of Captain Gibbs Jones was resumed, and the law being referred to, the said application was dismissed as not being within the power of the Council.

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Major Swaine having attended the Board, and the State of the Clothiers department being considered,

Resolved, That it is the opinion and desire of this Board that Mr. Turnbull, Colonel Farmer, and Major Swaine, should meet as soon as possible, & raise an account of the Cloathing furnished the Continental officers and Soldiers, so as that the same may be charged to the United States, agreeable to the resolution of Congress of the twenty-third day of March, 1779.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Council took into consideration the account of Henry Wynkoop, esquire, late a Member of Congress for this State, as follows, Viz:

Dr.—The State of Pennsylvania in account with Henry Wynkoop, esq'r.,

For his attendance in Congress from the sixth day of April to the twelfth day of October last, two hundred and twenty-two days, at Nine pounds per day,	£1998
1779 Aug'st 20th.	
Cr.—By an order on the Continental Treasurer, & charged to the State, 1,200 doll's,	£450
Sept. 29th.—By Do. on Do., charged as above, 1,500 ds.,	562
Oct. 20th.—By Do. on Do., Do. 2000,	750
Ball'ce due from the State,	235 10
	£1998

And the same appearing to be just, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Henry Wynkoop, esquire, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-five pounds ten shillings.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Thompson,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Timothy Matlack, esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his salary as Secretary of this Board, for which he is to account.

A Committee of the Hon'ble house of General Assembly attended in free conference, on the State of the Frontiers; and it was unanimously agreed to lay before the house the following resolves, and letter to the Delegates of this State in Congress, for their consideration and approbation.

WHEREAS, The efforts of this State to accommodate all disputes of boundary and Territory in the most amicable manner, have failed of the desired success, and there is reason to believe that those States who decline or delay such accommodation, have it in contemplation to introduce Settlers, and Otherwise Strengthen themselves, so that the property of such lands is in danger of being finally lost to the State, tho' its Jurisdiction may be established, and the Settlement of these disputes protracted and embarrassed.

And Whereas, Many of the Inhabitants of this State, at a great expence of Money and labour, have purchased and improved lands under Titles which were then deemed unquestionable, and of which they have been forcibly dispossessed by the intrusions of Violent and ill disposed persons.

And Whereas, It is the indispensable duty of every Government to extend its protection and care to all its subjects, yielding peaceable and due obedience to its Laws, but the distance and variety of Circumstances do not admit full and effectual relief to be given by this house, at this time; Wherefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Executive authority of this State, to appoint suitable persons to be Commissioned under the great seal of the State, to proceed to the Counties within this State where the above intrusions have been made; that they be authorized to make due enquiry therein; to take the force of the said Counties, if need be, to restore such setlers to their lawfull and rightfull possession, and by all other lawful ways and means, as to them shall appear to be right, to Check and prevent all unwarrantable intrusions on the unappropriated lands of the subjects thereof.

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Resolved, That the President or Vice-President in Council, be authorised to raise, in addition to the Companies voted on the last, such other Companies as shall be deemed necessary by the said Council, for the general as well as internal defence of the said Frontiers, such companies to be raised on the same terms and conditions as those Voted on the said of : *Provided*, The whole number of Men to be so raised, do not exceed fifteen hundred, officers included.

Resolved, That if it should be found necessary, the President or Vice President in Council, be authorized to Organize and form the Troops so raised, into Regiments, and that such Troops when raised, be at all times under the special direction and Order of the authority of this State only.

Resolved, That in order to avoid any unnecessary increase of Officers, and the number of Officers in the Pennsylvania line being greatly disproportioned to the privates, the said Troops be Officered as much as possible from the line of this State, serving in the Continental Army.

Sir:

The Supreme Executive authority of the State, on the fifteenth day of December last, through the Delegates of this State, addressed the Honourable Congress of the United States on the unhappy dispute subsisting between this State and Virginia.

The proceedure of Congress thereupon, breathed such a spirit of Wisdom, Moderation, and attention to the general interests, as well as the rights of the contending States, that we could not doubt it would have been received with that respect and acquiescence it so highly deserved. Presuming fully upon this, it was communicated to the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, accompanied with the most decisive directions to yield a cheerfull and punctual compliance. Our proceedings herein, with your resolve, were transmitted to the Supreme Executive authority of Virginia, and also, to those who under their authority were oppressing and harrassing the innocent and unfortunate settlers of Pennsylvania. But this event has demonstrated how vain & delusive are those hopes which are founded on the justice or moderation of the State of Virginia. We are authorized to declare, that your resolution has been treated with a disregard bordering upon contempt; that our friendly expostulations on the impolicy & cruelty of their proceedings, have met with the like fate; and we now find ourselves reduced to the sad alternative of seeing a number of honest, industrious settlers, who have peaceably purchased, cultivated, and enjoyed their lands for many years, under Titles of this State, now dispossessed and ruined, or enter into a contest, which to us is dreadfull in contemplation. The Genious and temper of the people of this State has naturally led them, on all occasions, to prefer accommodation to hostility, and even to seek the path of peace with an earnestness

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which ungenerous minds may have mistaken for timidity or weakness. For proofs of this disposition, we may safely appeal to the Records of Virginia, to Congress, and to the whole World. While perpetual encroachment and aggressions have irritated and distressed the Inhabitants of this State, what people, State, or country, have we invaded, or insulted, or who has complained against us?

By the great contest with the common Enemy, we have raised Troops only to oppose the common enemy. Regiments raised, Officered, & equipped by the State, instead of being employed to make Conquests, extend Settlements, or cover Commissions and surveyors, while Garbling out lands within disputed Territory, have been yielded to the general defence. The Staple Commodity of the State locked by a general Embargo, for the benefit of the United States, to the entire Stagnation of all trade, While the staple of Virginia has had a free and general exportation. The loans of this State have greatly exceeded every Other, and the Journals of Congress shew that the United States have availed themselves of our Taxes for present supply in as great a proportion, and as Seasonably as any other State, whatever misinformation or prejudice may suggest to the contrary. Our State has been invaded and our Capital possessed by the enemy. Our frontiers desolated by the Savages Our internal Strength greatly diminished, tho' not exhausted, by the supplies of every kind, which, in consequence of our local situation, we have afforded to the common Cause.

Under these circumstances, we must want the common feelings of Men and Citizens, if we could, without concern, see the State impoverished and insulted, & its inhabitants reduced to beggary and wretchedness, by those who stile themselves our brethern.

The sufferings of these poor people, as they justly observe, would probably have been much less if the arms of Britain had prevailed. The calamities of that event would scarcely have reached their obscure and distant dwellings, while the hand of publick and private rapacity now reaches the inmost recesses of their country. It is known to all America, that Commissioners, appointed by mutual consent, have actually setled the boundaries of this disputed Territory, and that the lands on which these oppressive and unjust Claims, both of Jurisdiction and property, are now exercised, are near forty Miles within the Territory admitted to belong to Pennsylvania. We are also assured by publick authority of Virginia, that this agreement will probably be confirmed at a future day.

And here the policy of delay discloses itself almost without disguise. It having been usual for contending States to confirm, mutually, the rights of Bona fide purchasers, this agreement, so solemnly made, is kept suspended 'till the Treasury of Virginia shall be replenished, and a few of its rapacious subjects enriched with the Spoils of Pennsylvania—A policy, in our Judgment, unworthy a free & generous people, and to which we shall leave an impartial World to give a suitable appelation.

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We do not ask the farther interposition of your Hon'ble Body. We should be sorry to commit the dignity & honour of Congress in farther resolves, which will probably be equally disregarded with those already passed touching the Claims and proceedings of this State, whose views and designs are too plain to be misunderstood, and too alarming to be longer overlooked. But conscious of the Justice of our case, of our pure and pacific intentions, we are anxious to stand Justified in the Eyes of Congress and of the World for the part we are now called to act. Every peaceable overture being rejected, your recommendation set at nought, and the hand of violence and oppression stretched against our peaceable Citizens, a fatal necessity compels us to adopt sentiments of a different nature. If the recollection of former Affection, with a sense of the danger to the common cause, and injustice and impropriety of the measures of which we shall Complain, shall induce Virginia to adopt a more Just, equitable, and friendly system, We have no resentments which we cannot readily and chearfully Sacrifice to the general interests.

But if Pennsylvania must arm for her internal defence, instead of recruiting her Continental line; if her attention and supplies must be diverted in like manner; if the common enemy, encouraged by our division, should prolong the War; Interests of our sister States and the common cause be injured or distressed; we trust we shall stand justly acquitted before them and the whole World; and if the effusion of human blood is to be the result of this unhappy dispute, We humbly trust that the great Governor of the Universe, who delights in peace, equity and Justice, will not impute it to us. Confiding in his protection and the Justness of our Cause, we shall endeavour to defend and preserve the Citizens of this State from farther violence, and if necessary, repel force with force; with what success we presume not to say. It is sufficient for us that oppression, Tyranny and injustice are the same, from whatever hands they proceed, and that no change or situation can be more disgraceful or distressing.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Arndt,	

The petition of divers inhabitants of the State, who are desirous of partaking of the great advantage of the Bridge Erected over Schuylkill, was read; in which petition it is in effect set forth that many advantages will arise from a road to be laid out from Derby

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road to Lancaster road, near the middle Ferry, to cross the Mill-creek at the Rocks; And the petitioners "pray the Council that suitable measures may be taken that such a road may be laid out, and recorded as a public highway," on the place aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table untill Wednesday the twelfth day of April next, when the same will be taken into consideration.

That Publick notice hereof be given, in Order that such persons as may conceive themselves in danger of being injured by the said Road, may make known their Objections.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the tenth day of March, inclosing return of Colonel Moylan's Corps of Pennsylvanians.

A letter from Major Benjamin Eyre, of this day's date, respecting the expences of the Bridge over Schuylkill, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Major Eyre be informed that the Quarter Master has undertaken to support the Bridge over Schuylkill, to whom Mr. Eyre is to apply for the expence incurred thereon

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, esquire, President of Congress, dated the twenty-third instant, enclosing a resolve of Congress of the twenty-first instant, respecting Officers of the Army.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Joseph Shippen, Junior, esquire, late Secretary of the Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, do, on or before the twentieth day of April next, deliver up to Timothy Matlack, esquire, Secretary of this Council, the Records, books and papers belonging to the said office of Secretary of the late Government of Pennsylvania, or shew Cause to this Council for his Non-compliance.

Invitation to the Funeral of the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, Member of Congress, to-morrow at four O'Clock; agreed to attend the said Funeral.

The return of Justices from the townships of Straban and Mount Pleasant, being read, it appears that the said Election was held by the Voteables of said district, from which it is doubtfull whether the said Election was made by the freeholders only, according to the Constitution and law, or the Voters generally, in which latter case the election would be void.

Resolved, therefore, That the said return be transmitted to the said Towhships, in order that the same may be rectified, if the Election has been duly had; and if not, that a new Election be held by the freeholders only.

The petition of Charles Cook, for permission to stay a few weeks longer, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be not granted; but that if the said Charles Cook do not depart this State on board one of the three

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first Vessels now sailing to the West Indies, he be apprehended and committed to Prison.

The return of Justices from the Townships of Manallen and Tyrone, being read, it appears that the said Election was held by the Inhabitants of said district, from which it is doubtfull whether the said election was made by the Freeholders only, according to the Constitution and law, or the Inhabitants generally, in which latter case the election would be void.

Resolved, therefore, That the said return be transmitted to the said Townships, in Order that the same may be rectified, if the election has been duly had, and if not, that a new election be held by the freeholders only.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Anderson, for the sum of thirteen hundred and eighty-six pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, agreeable to the following account:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to William Anderson, for his services at Fort Island, from the first day of November, 1779, to the fifteenth day of March, 1780, at £75 ℔ Month,	£337
To do. Edward Coheren, per do., at 65, - -	292 10
To provisions bought for the use of Fort Island, as ℔ receipts, - - - - -	282 10
1780. March 23d. To five Men, four days each, at 55 dollars per day, repairing the Banks at Fort Island, - - - - - -	412 10
To one Man, 3 days, at do., - - -	61 17 6
Total, - - - -	£1,386 17 6

The Council resumed the consideration of the Petition recommended to them by the Honourable House of General Assembly, respecting Benjaman Nugent, William Nugent, and John Rosborough, Charles Johnston, and Doctor John McCartney, suspected of having burned divers houses in the County of Cumberland; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a reward of One thousand dollars be offered for apprehending each of the above named persons, to wit: Benjamin Nugent, William Nugent, John Rosborough, Charles Johnston, and Doctor John McCartney; and that a Proclamation be Issued for that purpose.

Which is as follows, to wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, divers of the Inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, within this State, have, by their humble petition, represented

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to the House of Assembly, in their present Sessions, that they are in a state of most immiaent danger from a number of violent, wicked persons within the said county, who being detected in counterfeiting Money and such like evil practices, have Burnt the Barns, Mills, & Houses of sundry well disposed and faithfull subjects of this State, who have exerted themselves in discovering and bringing to Justice the above offenders:

And Whereas, Benjamin Nugent, William Nugent, John Rosborough, Charles Johnston, and Dr. John McCartney are, among others, charged with the perpetration of the above offences, but have hitherto eluded the hands of publick Justice: And the said petition being recommended to the care and notice of this Council, for the discovery and punishment of such pernicious and attrocious crimes, and that the said Benjamin Nugent, William Nugent, John Rosborough, Charles Johnston, & Dr. John McCartney, may be brought to condign and exemplary punishment:

We have thought fit to issue this our proclamation, hereby promising and engaging that the publick reward of five thousand dollars shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said Benjamin Nugent, William Nugent, John Rosborough, Charles Johnston, and Dr. John McCartney, and one thousand dollars for either of them, and safely deliver them, or either of them, to any Sheriff within and Goal of this State, together with reasonable expences attending the same.

And we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and all other the faithfull and liege subjects within this Government, to make diligent search and enquiry after the above offenders, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure them and every of them, so that they may be brought to Justice.

Given, by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, esquire, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest—TIM'Y MATLACK, Sec'y.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Robert Whitehill, esquire, for the sum of four thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to be accountable.

Two letters from George Stevenson, esquire, (of Carlisle,) to the Secretary, relative to land of the Reverend Mr. Batwell, the one dated the Twelfth day of February, and the other, March the twenty-first instant, relative to a tender made by Mr. Kauffman to Stephen Duncan, esquire, County Treasurer, were read.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of York, praying protection against the enemy, was read.

The petition of Philip Moore and James Montgomery, praying to have ten Tons of broken Cannon, &ca., was read.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry do deliver to Mr. Philip Moore & Captain James Montgomery, or their order, the Ton of broken Cannon, they paying for it at the rate of three hundred pounds per Ton.

A letter from Major David S. Franks, of this day's date, respecting his claim to the provisions made for Officers by the State, was read.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt,	

A letter from Mr. Holker, dated the twenty-seventh instant, inclosing a resolution of Congress, to supply him with six thousand

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barrels of Flour, Six hundred barrels of Pork, and two hundred barrels of Beef, by the first day of May, out of the Supplies to be furnished, and also reminding this Board of some supposed deficiency last fall, was read and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That a draft of a letter in answer thereto, be prepared and laid before the Board to-morrow.

A letter from Colonel Wiltner, dated March the eighteenth, desiring the Board to determine between Captain Schott and Captain Selin, each claiming to remain in the command of the company formerly Ottendorff's, and now to be incorporated with the German Battalion, was read and considered.

Also, a letter from the same officer, of the same date, informing that Captain Rice and Lieutenant Godfrey Schneider, of his Corps, had sold the Cloathing provided by the State; also, recommending Lieutenant Philip Schrawder to the command of a company.

Resolved, That the said letters be transmitted to the Board of War.

Captain Ziegler, appointed Distributor of the Stores at Camp, having laid his accounts before the Board, and they having been examined & approved, he requesting the Board to make him an allowance for his year's service in that station; whereupon,

Resolved, That fifteen hundred pounds be allowed therefor.

The account as rendered will stand thus:

Ballance due to the State as per account rendered,	£2,775 6 6
Allowance for his trouble,	1,500 0 0
Ball'ce to be p'd to Col. Farmer,	£1,275 6 6

In Council.

PHILAD'A, March 29th, 1780, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright.

The Council took into consideration the Militia Law of the State, passed at the last Sitting of General Assembly, and the same was read before the Board.

On consideration, the Council proceeded to the appointment of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.

Moved and agreed, that William Henry, esquire, be appointed Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia. That Ephraim Bonham

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and Frederick Hagner, esquires, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the said City.

Moved and agreed, that Colonel William Coates be appointed Lieutenant, and that Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Engle, Colonel George Smith, Colonel William Deane, and Peter Richards, Abel Morgan, and Lewellen Young, esquires, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the county of Philadelphia.

Moved and agreed, that Colonel Joseph Hart be appointed Lieutenant, and that Colonel Andrew Kichleine, Lieutenant Colonel George Wall, Junior, and Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Anderson, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the county of Bucks.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

Petition of Edward Evans, respecting his Claim to City Lotts, &ca., was read and rejected.

Application by the Committee appointed by an act of Assembly, passed in the last session, for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds for the Paper Moulds, for striking the two hundred thousand pounds in the year 1777.

Ordered, That the Secretary do deliver the said Moulds, and the same was done accordingly.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants in the several counties.

Moved and agreed, That Colonel Robert Smith be appointed Lieutenant, and that Colonels Thomas Cheney, Lewis Gronow, Andrew Boyd, Thomas Levis, and Robert Wilson, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the county of Chester.

Moved and agreed, That William Scott, esquire, be appointed Lieutenant, and that Mathew Dill, John Agnew, Henry Slagle, William Ross and James Dixon, esquires, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the county of York.

Moved and agreed, that Peter Kichlein be appointed Lieutenant, and John Chambers, Peter Burkhalter and Frederick Limboch, Sub Lieutenants of the county of Northampton.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Jacob Morgan, Junior, esquire, conveying a certain Stone Messuage or Tenement, Paper Mill, Saw Mill, and two tracts, pieces or parcels of Land, situate on Wissahiccon road, in Roxborough Township, in the county of Philadelphia, containing in the whole about one acre; One of them (whereon the said Messuage, Paper Mill and Saw Mill are erected) beginning at a corner of William Smith's land; thence along the same, south sixty-five degrees West Eleven perches, to the River Schuylkill; thence by the said River South forty-seven degrees east eight perches to an Elm Tree, at the corner of Isaac Norris's land; thence by the same north fifty-nine degrees East thirteen perches, to a stone at the side of the s'd Wissahiccon road; thence along said road North sixty-seven degrees west eight perches to the place of beginning; containing eighty-two perches and five tenths of a perch.

The Other tract (whereon the Mill dam is) beginning at a stone at the side of the said road; thence along the same South seventy degrees east twenty perches, to a corner of Jonathan Adams' Land; thence by the said Land the three following courses & distances, to wit: North twenty-four degrees east two perches and five-tenths of a perch; thence North sixty degrees West twenty perches and five-tenths of a perch, to a White Oak sapling; thence south twenty degrees West five perches and two-tenths of a perch, to the place of beginning; Containing seventy-seven perches and five tenths of a perch of Land, late the estate of Christopher Saur, late of Germantown, Printer, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold by public vendue, agreeable to Law, on the eighteenth day of September last. The sum of five thousand one hundred and fifty pounds having been paid to Thomas Hale, late Agent for the said county, on the twenty-seventh of October last, being the full consideration money for the said Messuage, buildings, and pieces of Land. Deed dated the thirty-first day of March Instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Jacob Morgan, Junior, esquire, conveying a certain Messuage or Tenement, and tract or piece of Land thereunto belonging, situate in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia,

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Beginning at a post by the River Delaware; thence by Michael Hillegas's Land North twenty-six degrees fifteen minutes West two hundred and six perches, to the road leading to point no point; thence along the same south fifty-nine degrees and a half West forty-three perches & four-tenths, to Abel James's Land; thence by the same South twenty-six degrees East One hundred and ninety-five perches, to Delaware River aforesaid; and thence up the same to the place of beginning; Containing fifty-four acres, late the estate of John Parrock, late of the City of Philadelphia, yeoman; Forfeited to the State, and sold agreeable to law, on the twentieth day of September last. The sum of twenty-seven thousand six hundred pounds consideration Money for the same having been paid to Thomas Hale, late Agent for the said County, on the twenty-seventh day of October last. Deed dated the thirty-first day of March instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Messrs. John Little & Ephraim Blaine, Conveying a Certain piece or parcel of Meadow ground, situate in Passyunk Township, in the County of Philadelphia, bounded as follows, Viz: beginning at a post by low Water Mark of the River Schuylkill, a Corner of Daniel Roberdeau's meadow land; thence by the same north eleven degrees east eighty-three perches and a half, to a small lane between this and land late Henry Elwes; thence by the same North eighty four degrees and an half West fifty-six perches and an half to the middle of Sepicken Creek; thence down the middle of the same to the Mouth thereof; thence down by low Water mark of the River Schuylkill to the place of beginning; containing twenty-nine acres and sixty perches, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, now forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law, on the twenty-fifth day of August last. The sum of fifteen thousand five hundred and twenty pounds having been paid to the Agents of the said County, on the first day of October last, being the full consideration Money for the same. Deed dated the twenty-sixth day of August last.

The Council resumed the consideration of appointing Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants of the Several Counties, and agreed that Colonel Samuel Atlee be appointed Lieutenant of Lancaster county.

A letter from Major General Greene, Quarter Master General, respecting forage, was read; also a letter on the same subject from Mr. Biddle, assistant forage Master, was read.

Ordered, That a Conference with General Greene be requested.

General Greene attended in Council, and on Conferring with him, it appears that the want of Money and of Forage occasions the difficulty in his department, that many Waggons are daily discharged for want of money to pay for it.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Edmund Grimshaw and Jane his wife, to go into the city of New York; also, that a pass be granted to to go into the City of New York.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, April 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Arndt.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants; and thereupon,

Agreed, that James Cunningham, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Dehuff, John Hopkins, John Huber, William Steel and Maxwell Chambers, esquires, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Lancaster.

Peter Richards, esquire, proposed as Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia.

A letter from John Hubley, esquire, recommending Christian Wertz as Commissioner for the County of Lancaster.

The Council took into consideration the appointing Commissioners of Purchases, agreeable to an "Act for procuring a supply of Provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army." And several applications for that Office in the City of Philadelphia being read.

The Council proceeded to Elect by ballot a Commissioner of purchases for the City of Philadelphia, when Mr. Andrew Doz was elected by a very great Majority; and thereupon, was declared to be the Commissioner of purchases for the City of Philadelphia.

And Colonel John Bull was Elected Commissioner of purchases for the County of Philadelphia; and thereupon, he was declared to be Commissioner of purchases for the county of Philadelphia.

And Colonel John Gill was unanimously appointed Commissioner of purchases for the County of Bucks.

And Colonel Persifor Frazier was unanimously appointed Commissioner of purchases for the County of Chester.

Warrants were issued to the Sheriff of the County of Bucks for apprehending a certain John Coogler & Susanna Coogler his wife, of the said County, charged with aiding & assisting British prisoners and others, enemies of this State and the United States, to be brought before this Board for examination, agreeable to an act of Assembly entitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council & Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of Militia duty."

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

An application from Doctor Andrew Harper for permission to go to Scotland by the way of New York, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be rejected.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, esq'r, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

The Council took into consideration the account of the Honourable John Lacey, Junior, esquire, a Member of this Board for the County of Bucks, as follows, to wit:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, in account with John Lacey, Junior:

To his pay as a Member of Council, from the twenty-seventh day of October, 1779, to the 19th of January, 1780, 84 days, at £12 per day, - - -		1,008
To his pay from the 19th of January to the first of April, instant, Seventy-two days, at £16 per day, - -		1,152
		£2,160
Cr. By cash received of David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, State Treasurer, by Order of Council,	£ 375	
Balance due, - - - - -	1,785	
		£2,160

And the same appearing to be Just, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Lacey, Junior, esquire, for the sum of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five pounds, the ballance of his account, as above stated.

Resolved, That the Quarter Master General of the Army be informed that this Board have appointed the following persons Commissioners of purchases, agreeable to the late Act of Assembly, Viz:

Andrew Doz, esq'r, for the City of Philadelphia.
John Bull, esq'r, for the County of Philadelphia.
John Gill, esq'r, for the County of Bucks.
Persifor Frazier, esq'r, for the County of Chester.
Christian Wertz, esq'r, for the County of Lancaster.
William Scott, esq'r, for the County of York.
Samuel Lyon, esq'r, for the County of Cumberland.
Nicholas Lutz, esq'r, for the County of Berks.

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David Deshler, esq'r, for the County of Northampton.
Fred'k Antis, esq'r, for the County of Northumberland.
Charles Cessna, esq'r, for the County of Bedford.
John Allen, esq'r, for the County of Westmoreland.

And that the Quarter Master General be requested to appoint the persons to whom, and the places where the several articles within his department are to be delivered, untill his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief shall give his general directions herein.

The Council taking into consideration the State of the Supreme Court, and being of opinion the interests of the State required another Judge, proceeded to choice, when the Hon'ble George Bryan, esquire, was unanimously appointed to that Office.

Mr. Ormsby, from Westmoreland County, attended, and gave a relation of the proceedings of the Virginia Commissioners in the said County; whereupon, the Secretary was directed to take Mr. Ormsby's deposition.

Resolved, On consideration, that the Commiss'rs of purchases, now nominated, give Security in fifty thousand pounds each, for the due performance of their Offices.

Andrew Doz and John Bull, Esquires, appearing in Council, took the Oaths of Office for Commiss'rs of Purchases for the City and County of Philadelphia, agreeable to their late appointments.

A petition from Jacob Morgan, Junior, esquire, was read, setting forth that he had purchased, at a Vendue of Confiscated estates, a paper-Mill & saw-Mill, with a lott of ground, & the appurtences, in Roxborough Township, on the River Schuylkill, in the County of Philadelphia, late the estate of Christopher Saur; That one Daniel Sower is in possession of the premises, and refuses to deliver them up; Whereupon, he has prayed the Aid of this Board to Cause possession to be given him, agreeable to the Act of Assembly; Whereupon, the said act being considered,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia do give possession of the said premises to the said Jacob Morgan, Junior, in due form of law, he the said Jacob Morgan paying the incident expenses.

A letter from Colonel Atlee was read, requesting to be appointed Commissioner of purchases for Lancaster County, and to hold the said Office, together with that of Lieutenant, and the same being considered,

Resolved, That it will be inconvenient to the Publick to unite the said Offices at this time.

Lieutenants Bigham and Beevens, who have been down the river after deserters, reported that they had received four from the Vessels in the River, but that Captain Gardner had refused to permit them to examine his Vessel, and had permitted his Men to abuse and insult them; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said report be transmitted to Congress, that they may take such measures with respect to the Commission of the said Captain Gardner as may be proper.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, or his order, for the sum of three hundred and fifty-four pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, amount of his account for his wages for attendance at the Door of the Council room, from the first to the thirty-first of March last, inclusive, thirty-one days, at 30 dollars per day, and Cash paid for postage of two letters.

The Council took into consideration the account of the Hon'ble James Thompson, a Member of this Board for the County of York, as follows, to wit:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with James Thompson, for his attendance in Council and Mileage, Viz't:

From the 4th to the 7th of March, 1779, inclusive, 4 days at £3 ℔ day,	£12		
Mileage, 115 miles, going home & returning, at 2s 6,	28		
From the 12th to the 23d of May last, 12 days, at £7 10 per day,	90		
Mileage, 55 miles, going home & returning, at 5s,	27	10	
From the 29th of June to the 29th of July last, 31 days, at £7 10 per day,	232	10	
Mileage, 55 Miles, going home and returning, at 5s,	27	10	
From the 7th to the 18th of October last, 10 days, at £7 10 per day,	75		
Mileage, 55 miles, going and returning, at 5s,	27	10	
From the 7th of December to the 18th of January last, 42 days, at £12 ℔ day,	504		
From the 18th to the 22d of January, 3 days, at £16 per day,	48		
Mileage, 55 miles, going home, at 10s,	27	10	
Do. returning at 13s 4,	36	13	4
From the 11th of March last to the 4th of April last, 25 days, at £16,	400		
Mileage, 55 Miles, going home & returning, at 13s 4,	73	6	8
To riding to Colonel McCallister's at the President's recommend'n, 70 miles, at 5 p,	34		
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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Thompson, Esquire, for the sum of sixteen hundred and forty-four pounds and five shillings, agreeable to the foregoing account.

The Memorial of John Buyers of Sunbury, complaining of Colonel Welner, of the German Battalion, was read.

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Board of War, together with a letter from William Maclay to the Secretary, on the same subject.

A letter from his Excellency George Clinton, Esq'r, Governor of the State of New York, dated the eleventh day of March instant, respecting the provisions made by this State for Officers in the Army, &c., was read.

Henry Spees, second Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, sent in his Commission, and the same was accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, April 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt,

The Hon'ble George Bryan, esquire, appeared and took the oaths required by law to qualify him for the Office of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania.

A letter from Major General Greene, Quarter Master General, dated this day, inclosing the following list of his deputies, was read:

List of State purchasers in the different Counties of Pennsylvania, with the persons to whom, and places at which, they are requested to deliver the hay and grain forage, until the further Orders of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thereon, or some new arrangement shall take place.

City or State, County purchasers.	Places at which forage is to be delivered.	Persons to whom forage is to be delivered.
City, Aud'w Doz, Esq'r, Ph'a County, Jn'o Bull, Esq'r,	Philadelphia, do North Wales Meeting house,	Owen Biddle, Esq'r, or his assistants.

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Bucks, Jn'o Gill, Esq'r,	Sipell's Mill or Coryell's Ferry,	Jacob Bennett, or Wm. McCalla.
Northamp'n, David Deshler, Esq'r,	At such places as he may want it for Publick Horses,	to himself.
Berks, Nich's Lutz, Esq'r,	Reading,	Colonel Jacob Morgan.
Lancaster. Crist'n Wertz, Es.,	Lancaster, Lebanon,	Colonel Philip Marsteller & his assistants.
Chester, Percifor Frazier, Esq'r,	Near Downings Town, Chester,	Reading Howell, Arch'd Dick, Esq'rs.
York, Wm. Scott, Esq'r,	York Town,	Colonel John Davis & his assistants.
Cumberl'd Sam'l Lyon, Esq'r,	Carlisle,	
Bedford, Char's Cesna, Esq'r,	Bedford,	
Westmorel'd, Jn'o Allen, Esq'r,	Fort Ligonier, & Fort Pitt,	Arch'd Steele, Esq'r, & his assistants.
Northumb'd, Fred'k Antis, Esq'r,	Sunbury and Wyoming,	Col. Wm. Cook & his assistants.

Christian Wertz, Esq'r, appeared in Council and took the Oath required by law to qualify him to act as a commissioner of purchases in the County of Lancaster.

And he also gave Bond for the faithfull performance of the said Office, in the sum of eighty thousand pounds, with two sureties, to wit: Ludwick Lauman and Michael Hubley, Esq'r.

James Thompson, a Member of this Board, having obtained an order on the Treasurer for five thousand pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Flour, in the County of Lancaster; also, an order for Sixteen Bushells and an half of Salt, to be delivered to him, and an Order for seventeen bushells and an half, to be delivered to Robert Campbell, for which said Thompson was to be accountable. On applying for a settlement, was directed to settle the same with Mr. Wm. Turnbull, Agent for the Council; which he hath done, and presented a Certificate to this Board.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Doctor Gardner,
General Lacey,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hambright.

Several depositions concerning David Watson, of the County of Chester, Complaining of Mal Conduct in him as Agent for purchasing of Flour, were read, and

Ordered, That they be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he do consider the same, and prosecute the same according to Law. On consideration, agreed

That Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, be appointed Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, appeared in Council and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to act as Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

Agreed that Colonel Samuel Hunter be appointed Lieutenant, and William Murrow, Walter Clarke, and John Wolfe, Esquires, Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Northumberland, and that they be Commissioned accordingly.

Abraham Harvey being brought before the Council, in pursuance of a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of the County of Bucks, setting forth that he, the said Abraham Harvey, stands charged with aiding and assisting British prisoners and Others, enemies to this State and the United States, in their escape to New York, and also with being a Person of general disaffection to the American Cause, whose going at large is dangerous to the Publick welfare and safety while we are engaged in a war with Great Britain; and therefore, commanding the said Sheriff to take the Body of the said Abraham Harvey, and bring him forthwith before the Council for Examination, and that such farther proceed's might be had as the publick safety might require, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the tenth day of October last, intitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council & Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of Militia duty." And the said Abraham Harvey being examined, and it appearing that in his general Conduct he hath manifested a general disaffection to the American Cause,

Resolved, That the said Abraham Harvey give security himself, in ten thousand pounds, and two Surities, each in five thousand

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pounds, for his good behaviour during the present War, and that he be committed to the common goal of the said County of Bucks, until the same is complied with.

John Coogler being brought before the Council, in pursuance of a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of the county of Bucks, setting forth that he, the said John Coogler, stands charged with aiding and assisting British Prisoners and others, enemies to this State and the United States, in their escape to New York, and also with being a person of general disaffection to the American Cause, whose going at large is dangerous to the Publick welfare and safety, while we are engaged in War with great Britain; and therefore, commanding the said Sheriff to take the Body of the said John Coogler, and bring him forthwith before the Council for Examination, and that such farther proceedings might be had as the publick safety might require, pursuant to an "Act of the general Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the tenth day of October last, intitled an Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court, to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of Militia duty." And the said John Coogler being examined, and it appearing, by a charge on Oath, that he hath manifested general disaffection to the American Cause,

Resolved, That the said John Coogler stand committed to the goal of the County of Philadelphia, pursuant to the above act of Assembly.

Susanna Coogler, the wife of John Coogler, being brought before this Council, charged, on Oath, with harboring Spies for the British Army, concealing prisoners, & aiding them in their Escape to the Enemy, and that, from her general Conduct, there is just reason to suspect that she is an Enemy to the American Cause, and hath manifested a general disaffection thereto, and upon examination of the said Susanna Coogler, it appearing that the said Charge is just,

Resolved, That the said Susanna Coogler be committed to the Goal of the county of Bucks, and there remain 'till the farther order of this Board, and she be delivered in due course of Law.

The following letters from Northumberland County, stating the distressed situation of that County, were read, vizt: From Colonel Hunter, Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, Mr. Van Campen and Colonel Weltener.

Agreed that Colonel Jacob Morgan be appointed Lieutenant, and that Henry Shoemaker, Christian Laur, junior, Valentine Eckhard, Daniel Udree, Jacob Swire, esquires, be appointed Sub-Lieuten'ts of the county of Berks.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, April 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Hambright, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for paying for one thousand Gun Flints for the use of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Trickett, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-two pounds, the amount of his account for binding Dunlap's Pennsylvania Packett for the years 1778 and 1779, and for sundry other articles for the use of the Council.

The following Petitions were read and considered, to Wit: William Cassedy, Convicted of High Treason, praying a pardon.

Francis Hopkinson, on behalf of his sister Elizabeth Duche, praying leave for herself and family to go to New York, &ca., with her family and effects.

Elizabeth Powers, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to be whipped, and praying a pardon for such part of her sentence as remains yet to be inflicted.

John Ormsby, respecting his ferry over the Alleghany.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Wm. Cassedy be pardoned on his entering into the Service of the United States, on board some Ship.

That Mrs. Duche and her family be permitted to go into New York with her effects.

That Elizabeth Powers be pardoned, on condition that she leave the State.

And that the Petition of Mr. Ormsby do lay on the table.

A letter from Colonel Weltner, answered by Captain Schrawder.

Instructions were sent to the Commiss'rs of purchasesin the City, and the several Counties, to purchase as follows, Vizt:

To Andrew Doz, Esquire, for the City of Philadelphia, to purchase one hundred Tons of hay, at six pounds per Ton; Thirty thousand bushels of Indian Corn, at four shillings per bushell, or Sixty thousand bushells of Oats, at two shillings and six pence; and one thousand barrels of flour, at 30 shillings per hundred weight gross.

John Bull, esquire, for the County of Philadelphia, to purchase three hundred tons of hay; seven thousand five hundred bushels of

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Corn, or fifteen thousand bushels of oats; and five hundred barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

William McCalla, Esquire, for the County of Bucks, to purchase fifty tons of Hay; five thousand bushels of Corn, or Ten thousand bushels of Oats; and two thousand barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, for the County of Berks, to purchase fifty tons of Hay; five thousand bushels of Corn, or ten thousand bushels of Oats; and fifteen hundred barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

Christian Wertz, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster, to purchase one hundred Tons of Hay; five thousand bushels of Corn, or ten thousand bushels of Oats; and three thousand barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

David Deshler, esquire, for the County of Northampton, to purchase fifty tons of Hay; five thousand bushels of Corn, or ten thousand bushels of Oats; and one thousand barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

William Scott, esquire, for the County of York, to purchase fifty Tons of hay; two thousand bushels of Corn, or four thousand bushels of Oats; and fifteen hundred barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

Samuel Lyons, esquire, for the County of Cumberland, to purchase fifty Tons of hay; two thousand bushels of Corn, or four thousand bushels of Oats; and fifteen hundred barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

Frederick Antis, Esquire, for the County of Northumberland, Twenty-five Tons of Hay; two thousand bushels of Corn, or four thousand bushels of Oats; and five hundred barrels of Flour; at the prices aforesaid.

Charles Cessna, esquire, for the County of Bedford, to purchase twenty-five Tons of hay; two thousand bushels of Corn, or four thousand bushels of Oats; and ; at the prices aforesaid.

John Allen, esquire, for the County of Westmoreland, to purchase twenty-five Tons of hay; two thousand bushels of Corn, or four thousand bushels of Oats; and ; at the prices afores'd.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Ap'l 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr Thomas Grant, or his order, for the sum of two hundred and fifty-five pounds, for his expences as an Express from the County of Northumberland.

The Council proceeded to nominate the officers of the ranging Company for the County of Northumberland, and the following Gentlemen were chosen, Vizt: Thomas Robinson, Captain; Joseph Alexander, Lieutenant; and Moses Van Campen, Ensign.

The Board took into consideration the state of the frontiers, and particularly the propriety of offering a reward for Prisoners & Scalps. Whereupon, it was agreed to authorize the Lieutenant of Northumberland to offer fifteen hundred dollars for every white or Indian prisoner, if the former is acting with the latter, and for every Indian Scalp, one thousand dollars.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Ap'l 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

A letter from James Gamble, addressed to Congress, handed in by Mr. Muhlenberg, was read and rejected.

A letter from John Gill, esquire, dated this day, resigning his appointment as Commissioner of Purchases for Bucks County, was read: And thereupon, William McCalla was appointed Commissioner of Purchases for the County of Bucks.

Petition of Elizabeth Rinedollas, praying leave to go to New York, was read and rejected.

Petition of Captain Daniel Topham, praying to have the Brick yard in the Northern Liberties, on rent, was read and referred for further consideration.

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The depositions of Greenbury Hughes, and Lawrence Maskhill, respecting John Linch, by which the Character of the said Linch is rendered very Suspicious and dangerous, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia do immediately arrest John Linch, and bring him before this Council to be examined, & a Warrant was issued accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Ap'l 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

John Linch having been brought before this Board, charged with aiding and assisting in the Capture of the Privateer Luzerne, belonging to the Subjects of this State, and that from his general Conduct there is just reason to suspect he is an Enemy to the American Cause, & the said John Linch, being examined, touching the premisses, has given such evasive, contradictory and unsatisfactory accounts of himself, that it appears to this Board it is not consistent with the publick safety to permit him to go at large.

Resolved, That he be committed to Close Custody untill the farther order of this Board, or he be otherwise released in due Course of law.

Resolved, That the said John Linch be not permitted to converse with any Person but in presence of the Gaoler, or the use of Pen and Ink during his Confinement, without the consent of the Board.

In Consequence of a letter from the Board of War, an Order was drawn on the person having care of the Fort at Mud Island, for one of the eight Inch Howits, heretofore lent to this State by that Board.

Letters were wrote to Messrs. Stroud, Depui, and Van-Campen, in answer to theirs of the seventh of April instant, representing the distress of the Inhabitants, in consequence of the invasion of the Indians.

A letter was also wrote to Colonel Peter Kachlein, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, inclosing a copy of the resolve of the Council for calling out the Militia, and authorising him to offer fifteen hundred dollars for every Indian or Tory Prisoner, and one thousand dollars for every Indian scalp.

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The state of the County of Northampton being deliberately considered, and this Board being desirous to give all possible relief in their present distressed circumstances:

Resolved, That Colonel Peter Kachlein be directed to order out the Class in tour of under the former Militia law, if the same does not exceed one hundred Men, including Officers, to March immediately to the Townships of lower Smithfield, Delaware, and upper Smithfield, to repress the incursions of the savages.

Resolved, That in case of actual Invasion of the County, it is the duty of the Lieutenant, or of the nearest Sub Lieutenant, and he is authorized immediately to embody the nearest Militia for defence and opposition, without loss of time; and that the same be communicated to this Board as soon as may be conveniently, specifying the occasion & number of Troops called forth; in order that the same may be approved by the Board, agreeable to the spirit of the Militia law.

Two letters were received from his Excellency General Washington, one dated the twenty-sixth day of March, and the Other the Ninth day of April; in the former, the posts for receiving supplies are pointed out as follows, Vizt: Easton, Reading, Lancaster, Estherton, York, Carlilse, Sunbury, Bedford, Ligonier, Philadelphia.

All the imported Rum & Salt, One thousand Tons of Hay, and half the short forage, to be deposited at Philadelphia.

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, deliver to Abraham Cortwright, two hundred weight of Powder, eight hundred weight of lead, and five hundred flints, for the use of the county of Northampton, to be by the said Cortwight delivered to Colonel Peter Kachlein, Lieutenant of the said County.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, April 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Abraham Cortwright, express from the County of Northampton, for the sum of four hundred & sixty dollars, for purchasing forage for Horses employed in transporting ammunition to the said County, for the use of the Inhabitants, for which he is to account to Colonel Peter Kachlein, Lieutenant of the said county.

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Application from William M'Canny for a pass to New York, was read.

Resolved, That the Petitioner being a Subject and inhabitant of the State of Delaware, it is not consistent with the Resolves of Congress for the Authority of Pennsylvania to give him any pass.

This day being appointed to consider the Petitions of Sundry inhabitants on the West side of Schuylkill, to lay out a road from the Derby road to the bridge over Schuylkill, & no person appearing to offer any Objections against granting the prayer of the said petition,

Resolved, That as soon as the records of the Governor & Council under the former Government can be Obtained, this Board will proceed upon the said business, and direct a view of the said Road, unless any sufficient reason should appear in the meantime to the contrary.

A letter from the Board of War, inclosing a resolution of Congress for furnishing forage to sundry Continental horses, was read; And the Commissioner of purchases attending, informed the Board, that there was hay at Tinicum, heretofore purchased by the Quarter Master, & also that the Stock was so nearly exhausted; and it appearing also that the poor horses were sent hither by the State of Delaware,

Resolved, That the President be desired to write to the Board of War, informing of the above articles, in Order that the state of the business may be understood.

Don Juan de Miralles having requested permission of this Board to send thirty barrels of flour for his private use, and of his friends, to Havana,

Resolved, That he have the consent and approbation of this Board for that purpose.

A letter was received from Governor Caswell of North Carolina, dated the day of informing that Jacob James, a refugee of this State, was taken, and is now a prisoner there, and requesting to know whether this State would interfere in any respect, as to him.

Ordered, That the same be farther considered.

Captain Boys having attended the Board, was informed of the difficulty of supporting the great expence of the Navy, and that it was proposed to discharge two of the Captains and one Lieutenant, as Supernumery; he was also directed to report on what terms Men might be enlisted.

A Petition from Mr. Barton and Mr. Zantzinger, to go into New York, was read; and on the question being put, was rejected.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Ap'l 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, Mr. Read.

Mr. Hambright, and

Colonel Mitchell paid into the hands of the Vice President, the sum of Seven hundred pounds, being one Month's rent for the middle Ferry, agreeable to the resolve of the sixth of April last.

Ordered, That the Secretary do deliver the said Sum into the hand of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer.

Captain George Garland, of one of the Gallies in the State service, attended in Council, and represented his desire of retiring from the service, as there appears to be more officers than are essentially necessary, and his private affairs requiring his attention. On Consideration,

Ordered, That Captain George Garland be honourably discharged from the Service of this State.

The Memorial of James Bell, of the City of Philadelphia, on behalf of himself and others, devisees of Samuel Bell and his Daughter, Mary Parrocks, both deceased, was read, setting forth, "That your "memorialist and Others, are justly intitled by law to the real "Estate of Samuel Bell, late of the said City, deceased, by Virtue "of the Deeds & Will herewith presented to your honours:

"That no part thereof ever was the property of John Parrock, "and therefore, could not be forfeited to the Commonwealth of "Pennsylvania for any Treason by him committed, as his wife "never had any issue by him, & hath died without issue:

"That your agents for the County of Philadelphia have adver- "tised that part of the Estate late of Samuel Bell, deceased, in the "Northern Liberties, to be sold as the forfeited Estate of John "Parrock:

"Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly prays your honours to "put a Stop to the Sale or Seizure of any part of the real Estate "of Samuel Bell, deceased, and be pleased to order the whole thereof "to be restored to the Devisees of the said Samuel Bell and his "daughter Mary Parrock, to be enjoyed by them, unmolested by "your agents for the future; And your Memorialist will be ex- "ceedingly Obliged to your honours, and remain with much "esteem, your assured friend."

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents for seizing confiscated Estates, be directed to restore to the devisees of Samuel Bell & his Daughter

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Mary Parrock, such part of the real Estate devised by them as have been seized by the said Agents as the Estate of John Parrock, late of this City.

William Hollinshead, Esquire, attended in Council, and represented that the Examination of the Books now in the hands of Mr. Physick was not yet compleated, and requested that the time of delivering them may be postponed untill the twenty-Seventh instant. To which the Council agreed.

The Petition of Mathew Clarkson and Andrew Robeson was read.

Ordered, That Mathew Clarkson be appointed Marshall of the Admiralty, and Andrew Robeson Register of the Admiralty.

A representation of Robert Levers, Esquire, was read, respecting two Tons of Iron, Sold by him to Hugh Hughes.

Ordered, That Mr. Levers endeavour to obtain the Money as soon as possible.

The Petition of Deborah Bitting was read and rejected.

The representation of the Field officers of the Pennsylvania line, was read, representing the desertion of the Army, and proposing that some measures be taken to prevent the same; that recruiting be set on foot, or that an Incorporation of the Regiments may take place, in such manner that the whole Corps of Officers of particular Regiments ordered to be reduced may retire on whole pay, and be on the same footing with those Officers who continue in the field, and be liable to be called into service agreeable to their respective ranks, as soon as vacancies shall happen in the line, and also respecting their pay, &ca.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the said representation be transmitted to his Excellency General Washington, and that his advice thereon be requested.

Mr. Robert Aitkin & Mr. Pelatiah Webster attended at the door, and requested to confer with the Council; and thereupon, the Hon'ble the Vice President and Doctor Gardner were requested to confer with them.

Mr. Vice President and Doctor Gardner report, that Pelatiah Webster acknowledged, in their presence, to have received from Robert Aitkin the sum of one thousand nine hundred and twelve pounds and ten shillings, for sixty-three bushels and three quarters of Salt, at thirty pounds per bushel, but that he refused to give a receipt for the same in full.

Deposition of Lieutenants Bigham & Bevans, respecting the ill treatment of them by Captain Gardner, was read and referred for further Consideration.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, April 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.
Mr. Gardner, and

William Barton, esquire, and Mr. Paul Zantzinger, of the same place, having applied to this Board for permission to pass to Elizabeth-Town, to meet his father on private business,

Resolved, That they have the permission as prayed.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Gotlieb Roll, Conveying two brick Messuages or Tenements & lott of Ground, situate on the West side of Second Street, between South and Shippen Streets, in the district of Southwark, in the County of Philadelp'a, Containing in breadth on Second Street forty feet, and in depth seventy-seven feet and a half, Bounded Southward by ground of James Barns, Westward by Ground of Peter Mierken, Northward by Isaac Wharton's ground, and Eastward by Second Street aforesaid; late the Estate of George Ensor, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law to the said Gotlieb Roll, on the twentieth day of September, for the Sum of Eleven thousand four hundred and ninety pounds, who hath paid the same into the hands of Thomas Hale, late Agent for forfeited Estates.

Petition of George Montgomery, praying a pardon, was read, and referred for further Consideration.

The Council took into consideration an application from John Ormsby, praying a renewal of a patent for the ferry over the Rivers Allegany and Monongahela, at the Confluence of the said Rivers; & on consideration,

Resolved, That a Patent be granted to the said John Ormsby, for the said ferry, for five years from and after the first day of May next, he paying twenty shillings Sterling ℔ annum on the first of May; and the same was granted accordingly.

A letter from the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esquire, dated Forks township, April the 11th, and a letter from Peter Kachlein, Esq'r, dated Easton, April 10th, resigning his Office of Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, were read; And thereupon,

Samuel Rea, Esquire, was appointed Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, and Philip Bahl, Esquire, Sub-lieutenant of the said County.

An application from Benjamin G. Eyre, with an account of the expence of replacing the Bridge at the middle ferry, praying that

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the same, amounting to six thousand four hundred and thirty-two pounds, may be paid him, as he performed that service under the direction of the Council, and cannot obtain the pay from Colonel Mitchell, deputy Quarter-master General, he having no money in his hands to pay it with.

On consideration,

Agreed, that on Major Eyre's obtaining a request from Colonel Mitchell for advancing the said sum to Major Eyre, to be deducted out of the first order of Congress in favour of the Quarter Master's department, the Council will advance the same immediately.

A letter from Josiah Hewes and Joseph Stansbury, "a Committee appointed by a Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Library Company, to make application to the proper persons or powers for obtaining a safe passport for sundry books, intended for the said Company, and now lying at New York, requesting the favour of the advice and assistance of this Board in compleating the object of their appointment," was read. On consideration, that there is now in force a law of the State against importing any goods, Wares, or Merchandize, the growth or manufacture of Great Britain, and considering that the Characters of the persons employed at New York in obtaining the said Books,

Agreed, that this Council cannot consent to give any order in a business so circumstanced.

An application from Lieutenant W. Huston, a wounded Officer, praying to be allowed the refreshments ordered for the Army by the State. The Council considering the peculiar circumstances of Lieutenant Huston,

Ordered, That Mr. John Carson be directed to supply him with such articles as are necessary for his comfortable subsistence, and charge the same in his account against the State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, April 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Gardner, &
Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Sunday, April 16th, 1780.

At a Special meeting at the house of his Excellency the President,

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

A Seditious paper, printed & pasted up at several corners of the Streets, was read; And the dangerous tendency of the same being evident from the fatal consequences which have heretofore arisen from the disaffected and disorderly; Agreed, that the sum of one thousand pounds be offered and paid to any person or persons who shall discover the Author, Printer, or publisher of the aforesaid paper; and the following proclamation being prepared, was read, agreed to and signed:

By his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, some ill-disposed persons designing to disturb the peace and good Order of the City and districts, and to promote tumults and divisions dangerous to our domestic quiet, as well as to the great and general cause, have printed and published an inflammatory paper, containing false and unwarrantable reflections upon the laws and the legislature of the State, kindling discontent & disorder, and calculated to revive and promote the like tragical Scenes which but a few months involved this City in the greatest distress and Confusion: We, therefore, taking the premisses into our mature and serious consideration, have thought proper, and we do hereby require and enjoin the faithfull inhabitants of this City and districts to support, by their influence, example, and exertions, a peaceable obedience to Law and Government, as the best and surest security, both to their liberties and property, and to aid and assist the Civil officers of the State in putting the Laws in Execution against all disturbers of the publick peace; And we do, in like manner, strictly forbid all meetings and combinations for the Seditious and unlawfull purposes mentioned in the said paper, or any other, as persons so meeting and combining, will answer the same at their peril:

And Whereas, The Militia law of this State has directed that the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, and districts annexed,

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shall meet in Companies on the two last Mondays in the present Month, the first of which two Mondays will be to-morrow; and it is provided by the said act, in the last section thereof, that the authorities and duties of the former Militia Officers should be in force untill New appointments are made: We do, therefore, hereby direct and require that the said officers do attend their said companies, agreeable to the said Act; And we do further offer a reward of one thousand pounds to any person or persons who shall discover the author, Printer or publisher of the said seditious paper, dated "Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of April, 1780," and signed "slow and sure;" so that he or they may be prosecuted and punished in due course of law.

Given by Order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Read, esquire, President, & the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—T'y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Ap'l 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Rowan, conveying a certain lot of Ground and frame Tenement, in Second Street, continued in Southwark, containing in front on Second Street, twenty-nine feet and an half, and in depth sixty-five feet, bounded as follows, Vizt: West by second Street continued, North by Matthew Potter, East by Samuel Moore, and South by Aaron Musgrave, subject to a ground rent of six pounds four shillings, payable to William Shippen, senior, late the estate of Peter Arthur, Seized for the use of the State, and sold to James Rowan on the twenty-sixth of September, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, which sum he hath paid into the hand of Thomas Hale, late agent for Confiscated Estates in the County of Philadelphia; Deed dated the eighteenth day of April instant.

A letter from Colonel Richard Humpton of the tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, respecting his expences in forwarding the State

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Cloathing, was read; And thereupon, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand and seventy dollars, for the said purpose.

A letter from Colonel Mitchell, dated the fifteenth instant, was read; and thereupon, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Mitchell, Deputy Quarter Master General, or his order, for the sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds, to be applied in paying the expences of repairing and replacing the Bridge over Schuylkill, and to be deducted out of the first draft of Congress on this State in favour of the Quarter Master's department.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Reed, Esq'r, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain John McGowan, of the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, for the sum of three hundred and sixty pounds, in lieu of refreshments to which he was intitled.

Petition of John Hill was read and rejected.

A letter from his excellency General Washington, dated the twelfth instant, directing the following disposition of the Supplies to be furnished to the State, Vizt:

Places of Deposit.	Barrls. flour.	Gals rum.	Hay.	Corn.
Fort Pitt, - - - -	2,400	7,000	150	7,500
Ligonier, - - - -	300	850	40	2,000
Bedford, - - - -	300	850	40	2,000
Carlisle, - - - -	800	4,000	80	4,000
York Town, - - -	100	280	40	2,000
Estherton, - - - -	200	1,000	20	1,000
Sunbury, - - - -	1,000	3,000	60	3,000
Wyoming, - - - -	500	1,500	40	2,000
Lancaster, - - - -	500	1,200	180	14,000
Lebanon, - - - -	200	500	200	10,000
Reading, - - - -	200	560	180	14,000
Easton, - - - -	20,000	1,000	200	70,000
Philadelphia, - - -	13,500	3,083	470	60,000
	40,000	24,423	1700	199,500

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Reed and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

The Board taking into consideration the frequent desertions from the Continental Army, and having just reason to believe that many of the deserters are received and entertained on board letters of Marque and other private Vessels of War, sailing from this Port,

Resolved, That the Owners & Masters of such Vessels be requested and directed to discourage a practice so dangerous and detrimental to the publick good; that they give all due encouragement and support to Officers of the Army in discovering and detecting deserters; and it is particularly recommended to the Merchants, Oweners of Vessels, and all agents, not to pay any prize money to any deserter, or to any person justly suspected to be such, untill inquiry can be made into the Case.

The Agent for Northampton County having laid sundry papers and accounts of his transactions before this Board, and also offered a sum of money which had been received by him after the conditions of the Sale were broken,

Resolved, That this board will not dispense with the said conditions, but that three-fourths of the purchase Money be returned to the purchaser or purchasers who have failed in compliance; one-fourth forfeited and the lands again Sold for the benefit of the Commonwealth.

The Petition of Martha Murray, respecting a hogshead of Rum seized by the Collector of Philadelphia, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the Council cannot interfere in that business.

A letter from Major Gen'l Armstrong, dated Carlisle, April 12th, 1780, was read.

The Council resumed the consideration of appointing of a Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Cumberland, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Abraham Smith be appointed Lieutenant, and Benjamin Blythe, James McDowell, Frederick Watts, Arthur Buchannan, Thomas Buchannan, and John Trindle, Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Cumberland.

A representation from Captain Stiles, respecting the arms of the State, was read; referred for farther consideration.

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The Council taking consideration that the number of Gallies now in the State service is reduced to three, and the number of men but very small, consequently the surgeons duty is much lessened; therefore,

Ordered, That Doctor Hutshinson be allowed pay as heretofore, and one ration for each Galley in the State service.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Ap'l 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Messrs. John Dunlap and George Henry, conveying four frame Messuages or Tenements, pot-houses, and lot or piece of ground whereon the same are erected, Situate at the North-east Corner of Third and Shippen Streets, in the district of Southwark, in the County of Philadelphia, containing in breadth one hundred feet, and in depth one hundred feet; Bounded westward by third street; southward by Shippen Street; Eastward by Joseph Rhoads' ground, and Northward by John Morris's ground; seized as the Estate late of Alexander Bartram, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold on the twenty fifth day of August last, to the said John Dunlap and George Henry, for the sum of seven thousand pounds, who have paid the same into the hands of Thomas Hale, Agent for Confiscated Estates in the said County. Deed dated the twenty-sixth day of August last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his Salary, for which he is to account.

A Deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Daniel Clymer, of the City of Philadelphia, Esquire, Conveying a certain tract of Land, situate, lying, and being in lower Merion Township, in the county of Philadelphia, with a dwelling house & Barn erected thereon; Bounded as follows: beginning at a Corner of George Crow's land, and extending thence by the same North forty-two degrees West one hundred and fifty-two perches to a Corner of the same land; thence by Frederick Bickings' land South seventy-two degrees West one hundred and thirty perches to a Corner; thence by the same land South forty-four degrees East ninety-three perches to a Corner

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in the line of Margaret Jones' land; thence by the same land North seventy-one degrees East forty perches, to another Corner of the same Margaret Jones' land; thence by the same South thirty-three degrees East sixty-five perches, to another corner of the same land; thence by the same North sixty-eight degrees East ninety-five perches to the place of beginning; Containing one hundred acres, seized as the Estate of John Roberts, late of the said County, deceased, forfeited to the use of the State & Sold agreeable to law, on the twenty-fifth day of August last, to the said Daniel Clymer, for the sum of four thousand pounds, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agent of the said County. Deed dated the nineteenth day of April instant.

A letter from James Wilson and William Lewis, Esquires, respecting John Lynch, was read.

Thereupon, the said Lynch was ordered before the Board for further Examination.

Colonel Beatty, Commissary of Prisoners, being present, but the account which Mr. Lynch gives us of his Circumstances being inconsistent with the representation of Colonel Beatty, and by no means satisfactory, the said Lynch was remanded to Prison.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia do bring before this Council the body of Thomas Hale, of this City, late Agent for forfeited Estates, to-morrow at twelve O'clock.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Ap'l. 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President,

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Andrew Caldwell, of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, conveying a certain three story brick Messuage and lott or piece of ground thereunto belonging, Situate on the South side of Chesnut Street, between fourth and fifth streets, in the City of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on Chesnut Street, one hundred and six feet, and extending in depth two hundred and fifty-five feet; Bounded Eastward by a Messuage and lott late of John Sobers, in tenure of Benjamin Armitage; Southward by the back ends of Walnut Street lotts; Westward by ground belonging to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased; and Northward by Chesnut Street,

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aforesaid; Seized as the estate late of Peter Campbell, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law, on the twenty-fourth day of August last, to the said Andrew Caldwell, for the sum of thirty-six thousand five hundred pounds, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the City of Philadelphia. Deed dated the twentieth day of April instant.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys for the sum of two hundred and twenty-two pounds, seven Shillings and six pence—amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, from the first of March last to the first of April instant.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of four thousand four hundred and fifteen pounds nineteen Shillings—amount of Money due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, from the Eleventh day of March last to the eighth day of April instant.

A letter from the United States Treasury Board, dated the fifteenth instant, inclosing a State of the Taxes apportioned by Congress, on Pennsylvania, amounting to twelve Million eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and the amount of drafts by Congress on the State, Five Million one hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred dollars.

The Board taking into consideration the State of the Taxes, and the neglect shown in the Collection of them in some Counties,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be requested to lay before the Board, as soon as may be, a State of the Taxes, specifying the Quotas of the Counties, the monies due from each, so as to form a Comparative estimate of the whole since the twenty-second of November, 1777, when the Tax of Six hundred and twenty thousand dollars was due.

William Young, an apprentice of Benjamin Town, Printer, having been examined by his Excellency the President, on a suspicion of his having been concerned in printing the seditious paper signed "slow and sure," was brought before the Council, and on further examination and consideration,

Ordered, That the said William Young be committed to the Old Goal, untill further order.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, April 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel George Smith, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, to be paid Robert Lollar, Esq'r, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the County of Philadelphia.

A deed was examined and Signed by his Excellency the President, to Jacob Bay, of Germantown, Type founder, conveying a certain Stone Messuage or Tenement and lott or piece of ground thereunto belonging, situate in Germantown, aforesaid; fronting the South-westerly side of the main Street, in the inhabited part of the said Germantown, containing in breadth on the said main Street Six perches two feet and a half, & at the back or South-West end thereof five perches and fourteen feet, and in length thirty three feet; Bounded North-eastward by the said Main Street; South-Eastward by a cross street called Bowman's lane, leading towards Schuylkill falls Ferry; South Westward with Jacob Hood's land; and North-Westward with William Clampfer's land; containing one acre and thirty-eight perches; seized as the Estate late of Christopher Saur, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law, on the eighteenth day of September last, to the said Jacob Bay, for the sum of four thousand two hundred pounds, which sum he hath paid into the Hands of Thomas Hale, late agent for confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twentieth day of September last.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to retain in his hands at all times, the sum of thirty thousand pounds, not to be broke in upon but on special order of this Board.

Ordered, That a special commission be granted to Mr Abraham Bennett, Pilot, to justify him in repelling and making reprisals on the enemy with an armed Pilot Boat called the Randolph.

A letter from John Vankemp, dated April the thirteenth instant, respecting the incursions of the Enemy Indians in the county of Northampton.

A letter from Charles Petit, Esq'r, A. Q. M. General, dated the 20th, inclosing a draft on the State by Congress, for the sum of two hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred & four dollars and sixty-ninetieths, in favour of the said Petitt, and an account of Major General Greene, Quarter M. General, was read.

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On Consideration,

Agreed, that the Council having already accepted the drafts of Congress for very considerable sums of Money more than the Treasury is able to pay at present, this Council cannot now accept the said draft.

A letter from Joseph Shippen, Jun'r, Esq'r, dated the 20th instant, informing that he had "delivered up all the Records, books and papers belonging to the Office of Secretary of the late Government, to the Hon'ble John Penn, Esquire," was read; And thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary do wait on the Hon'ble John Penn, Esquire, and in the name of the Council, request him to deliver up the Records, books and papers belonging to the Secretary's Office during the said late Government, into the hands of the Secretary of this Board, for which he will give his receipt, if required.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Ap'l 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

A decree of the Justices of the Supreme Court was read, in favour of Michael Rhine, against the forfeited estate of George Rhine, for the sum of sixty pounds, with interest at two and a half per Cent., from the 21st of November, 1777, to the 21st of November, 1778, and Interest of five per Cent. from that time to the time of payment, being a debt due on bond; also, the sum of forty-eight pounds, a debt due upon account, with Forty-three pounds ten shillings Costs; and thereupon,

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Michael Rhine, for the sum of one hundred and fifty-six pounds fifteen shillings and two pence, according to the said decree; the same being the amount thereof, estimating the Interest to this day:

Principal, - - - - - - - - -	£60		
Interest for 2 years, at 2½ per cent., - - -	1	10	
One year, 5 months & 1 day, at 5 per cent, -	4	5	2
Debt on account, - - - - - - -	48		
Costs, - - - - - - - - -	43		
	£156	15	2

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Several letters relative to the attacks of the savages on the Frontiers, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, That a reward of three thousand dollars for every Indian Prisoner or Tory acting in arms with them, and a reward of two thousand five hundred dollars for every Indian scalp, to be paid on an Order of the President or Vice President in Council, to be granted on certificate signed by the Lieutenant or any two Sub-Lieutenants of the county, in conjunction with any two freeholders, of the service performed, such reward to be in lieu of all other rewards or emoluments to be claimed from the State.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That William Young, an apprentice of Benjamin Town, Printer, now confined in the Gaol of this city, be discharged.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

An Order of Congress was presented to the Council in the following words, to Wit:

IN CONGRESS, April 19th, 1780.

298,60$\frac{4}{90}$ dol's.

Gentlemen:--Please to pay to Charles Petit, Esquire, A. Q. M. General, or order, on account of Major General Greene, Q. Master General, the sum of two hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and four dollars & sixty-ninetieths of a dollar, part of the Monies raised in the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to be applied in the department of the said Quarter Master General, and for which he is to be accountable.

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

To His Excellency the Presid't & the Hon'ble the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Endorsed—Entered in the Auditor General's Office, April 20th, 1780.

JAMES MILLIGAN, A. G'l.

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The same was accepted and endorsed thus, also:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, April 24th, 1780.

Accepted.

JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Ap'l 24th, 1780.

For 298,604 $\frac{69}{100}$ dol's.

Sir:

Pay to Charles Pettit, Esquire, assist't Q. M. Gen'l, or his order, the sum of two hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and four dollars and sixty-ninetieths of a dollar, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer.

The Council took into consideration the following transcripts of Conviction before the last Supreme Court, to Wit: Marmaduke Grant, convicted of Felony and Burglary, & sentenced "to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead."

Ordered, That the said sentence be Executed on the said Marmaduke Grant, at the usual place of execution, on Saturday the sixth day of May next, between the hours of Ten and two of the clock of the same day.

Denis Carraghan, Convicted of Felony and Burglary, & sentenced to "be hanged by the Neck till he be dead."

Ordered, That the said sentence be Executed on the said Dennis Carraghan, at the usual place of Execution, on Saturday the sixth day of May next, between the hours of ten and two of the Clock of the same day.

John Hill, convicted of Felony and Robbery, and sentenced "to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead."

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed, at the usual place of Execution, on the said John Hill, on Saturday the sixth day of May next, between the hours of ten & two of the Clock of the same day.

George Montgomery, convicted of felony and Burglary, sentenced "to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead."

Ordered, That the said sentence be Executed, &ca., as above, And that Warrants for the Execution of the said sentences be issued in due form, under the less Seal of the State, & directed to the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelp'a.

Ordered, That Mr. Turnbull be directed to sell such Cloth now in the State Store as is unsuitable for Cloathing for the Army, for

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the best price he can obtain for the same, either at public or private Sale, at his discretion.

James Scott appeared before the Council, and being examined, it appears by his own Confession, that he was formerly a Pedlar, and kept a Vendue in this City; that he left this City and went to New York with the Enemy in June, 1778, and that he had continued there untill about two weeks ago, when he left Long Island and returned to this City

On consideration of the danger arising from such persons being at large in this City,

Ordered, That the said James Scott be committed to the Goal of the City of Philadelphia untill the further order of this Board.

Captain Craig, ordered by his Excellency General Washington to Pittsburg with Artillery & stores, made application to this Board for assistance therein.

On consideration,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Lieutenant and sub-Lieutenants, Justices of the peace, & others, of the respective Counties through which Captain Craig shall pass, to aid and assist him in transporting the said artillery and stores, as occasion may require.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Read, and

Resolved, That Captain Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores for this State, deliver to Colonel Henry, Lieutenant of the City, such arms as have been repaired, in order that they may be distributed among the Militia, and that due inquiry be made after the Arms delivered out last year, and which have not been redelivered to Captain Stiles, agreeable to a former order of the Board.

A letter from General Irvine, dated April the 18th, 1780, representing great desertion from the line and scarcity of provision.

A letter from Charles Pettit, Esquire, Assistant Quarter Master General, inclosing a draft for two hundred thousand dollars, dated April the 24th.

Ordered, To lay for further consideration; and Mr. Rittenhouse was requested to give in a state of the Treasury.

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A letter from the President of Congress, dated April the twenty-third, inclosing sundry papers respecting Colonel Broadhead, with the resolution of Congress for supporting him in his command.

A letter from the President of Congress, dated April the 20th, 1780, inclosing a resolution of Congress that any State supplying the Officers of the Hospital and Medical Staff, agreeable to the act of Congress of the 24th day of November last, shall have credit therefor with the United States.

A letter from Colonel Atlee, Lieutenant of Lancaster County, dated April the 18th, 1780, recommending Jacob Carpenter, James Barber, and Robert Clerk, as Sub Lieutenants of the said County, and they were appointed accordingly.

Resolved, That Mr. McMullin, agent for Confiscated Estates, do apply to the Attorney General to defend the Claim of this State upon the Estate of McDade, and that the present Tenant be supported in his possession, at the expence of the State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, April 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.
Mr. Gardner, and

A petition from John Dunlap and James Budden, on behalf of themselves and others, was read, Setting forth that they had purchased, at a vendue of Confiscated Estates, a part of Tinicum Island, in the County of Chester, late part of the Estate of Joseph Galloway; That one Abraham Kintzing is in possession of the premisses, and refuses to deliver them up: Whereupon, they have prayed the aid of this Board to cause possession to be given them, agreeable to the act of assembly: Whereupon, the said act being considered,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, together with the Sheriff of the County of Chester, do give possession of the said premises to them, the said John Dunlap, James Budden, and others, in due form of law, they paying the incident expences.

A small armed Boat having come up the River, occasioned some uneasiness to the citizens, who were suspicious of her being in concert with the Enemy's Pilot boats which infest our Bay.

Aaron Buck, commander of the said Boat, was brought before the Council and examined, when he produced a Commission under

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Congress, dated in September last; and Captain Sutter, who was stationed for some time at the state Salt works, being called upon, represents that Captain Buck lived about four Miles from the Salt works, was always respected as a good Whig, and turned out under arms at every alarm at Toms River; he was thereupon discharged.

Petition of Robert M'Knight, praying the interposition of Council with respect to a claim of a share in a certain prize purchased by him of James Johnston, and withheld under an apprehension of his being a deserter, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Nichola be authorized and directed to adjust and Settle the shares of all prizes claimed by deserters, or by any persons purchasing of or claiming under deserters, untill the further order of this Board.

Memorial of Captain Coren, respecting refreshments, was read.

It appearing that Mr. John Randall is duly appointed Sub-Clothier of the State of Maryland, and has in his hands a quantity of Cloths and shalloons, the property of that State, which are ordered to be sold as unsuitable for the supply of the army, and the same being necessary to be done in the due Execution of his said Office,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Vendue Master of the City to sell the said Cloths & Shalloons at public Vendue.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the delivery of the Books and papers now in the hands of Edmund Physick, Esquire, be further postponed untill the 20th day of May next.

A letter from Colonel Moylan, dated the 14th of April instant, enclosing a return of the Officers and Men in his Corps, raised in the State of Pennsylv'a. The return as follows:

Chester, April 14th, 1780.

Return of the Officers and Privates in the fourth Regiment of light Dragoons belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, 5th.

Colonel Stephen Moylan, 5th June, 1776, by Brevet, 8 June, 1777, in the Cavalry from Pennsylvania.

Capt'n John Craig, 22d May, 1779, from Allen T'p, North'n Co.

Captain Peter Manifold, 1st May, 1779, from Philadelphia.

John Sullivan, Lieut't, 1st Oct'r, 1779,	Do
William Cathcart, Surgeon, 1 April, 1777,	Do
Tho's McCalla, surgeon's Mate, 1 May, 1778,	Do
Will'm Henderson, paymaster, 22d Feb'ry, 1777,	Do

Christian Coon, Trumpet Major.

William McCarty, engaged for the War.

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Thomas Patton,	Benjamin Busby, Farrier.
Robert Shepperd,	James Quarrell,
David Cryder,	Thomas Roberts,
John McFarling,	John Ligore,
George Grace,	John King,
George Baitch,	Jacob Spider,

Jesse Grammer, engaged until 18th March, 1782.

Jamiah Lott,	12 March, Do
John Young,	1 May, Do
John Singleton,	24th Feb'ry, Do
Robert Mortimer,	23d April, 1780.
John King,	Do
Edward Graham,	Do
Jerry Diddy,	28 June.
David Shannon,	22d Aug'st.
Peter Cypher,	16 do
Joseph White,	16 Sept'r.
John Scott,	1 do
Abraham Dull,	7th October.

The Petition of Captain Turnbull, of Colonel Proctor's Regiment, being considered,

Resolved, That as this is the first application made by any Officer for Cloathing while in Captivity, and that it is necessary to be ascertained what provision and supplies have been made the Commissary of Prisoners, this Board cannot give any order untill such inquiry is made, and a rule established.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Ap'l 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read.

A transcript of the Record of conviction of John Jones, convicted of Burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at Philad'a, for the City and County of Philadelphia, the 27th day of March last, and sentenced by the said Court "to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead."

Ordered, That the Execution of the said sentence be made and done upon him, the said John Jones, at the usual place of execution, on Saturday the sixth day of May next, between the hours of

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ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon.

Percifor Frazier, Esquire, Commissioner of Purchases for the County of Chester, having declined Acting further in said office,

Resolved, That John Beaton, Esquire, be appointed in his room.

The Petition of Edward Grisel on behalf of himself and John Wilson, attainted for high Treason, for enlisting in the British service, but that they had since deserted with their Horses, Arms, &ca., and praying a Pardon, was read.

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be deferred, it being contrary to a rule of the Board to decide on any Petitions for Pardon before sentence,

The Petition of Captain Coren & Lieutenant Fick being considered,

Resolved, That this Board cannot grant any order for Stores and other State supplies, untill the said companies are incorporated in Colonel Proctor's Regiment, agreeable to the late Act of Assembly.

A Letter from Mr. Turnbull, praying this Board to fix his Commissions for the business he has done for the State, was read; and

Ordered, To lay for farther consideration.

A circular letter from the President of Congress, dated April 24th, urging the Legislative & Executive Authority of the State to Vigorous Exertions in the Publick Cause, was read.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Scott, (now first returned from his family.)

Complaint having been made against the Rev'd Mr Thorne, an Episcopal Clergyman of the lower counties, that from his Character and situation, his continuance in this City is dangerous to the State; and the said Mr. Thorne being examined,

Resolved, That he be referred to the Governor of the State of Delaware, and a letter was wrote accordingly.

A Resignation of Thomas Urie, Esq'r, a Member of the Board from Bedford, being read,

Resolved, That the same be accepted and filed.

A letter from Andrew Lyttle, Commissary of Stores at Camp, was read, dated the 27th day of April, 1780, complaining of the

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proceedings of Council in desiring Captain Zeigler to resume his Office.

Also a letter from Captain Zeigler to the same effect.

A letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army was also read, dated the 28th day of April, signifying that the transportation of the supplies of the Army must be from the State; Also, that the Memorial of the Officers must be on some general ground &ca.

Ordered, That the same be referred to farther consideration.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Hambright, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of three thousand pounds, in part of his Salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of three hundred & sixty-six pounds twelve shillings and six pence, amount of his account for his attendance at the door of the Council room from the first to the thirtieth of April last, thirty days, at thirty dollars per day, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

Captain McClean and William Lewis, Esquire, appeared before the Council, and Captain McClean having stated his case and Mr. Lewis made his reply, respecting the Suit commenced by him for the recovery of a Negroe Boy taken by Captain McClean on the lines, during the Enemy's being in possession of Philad'a, And George Noarth, Esq'r, being also heard, the further consideration of this subject was referred 'till General Lacey comes to Town, to whom the conduct of Isaac Knight is fully known.

The transcript of the conviction of Joseph Bates of Burglary, before the Supreme Court of the county of Chester, and the sentence of the said Court that the said Joseph Bates be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead, being read and considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed at the usual place of Execution, on Saturday the 20th day of May instant, between the hours of ten of the Clock in the forenoon and two of the Clock of the afternoon of the same day, and that a Warrant be accordingly issued under the less Seal of the State.

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A letter from Samuel Rea, Esquire, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, dated Mount Bethel, the 1st of May, 1780, and one enclosed relative to the attack on the Frontiers by the Indians, was read.

The petition of Frederick Merchant, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Westmoreland, to suffer corporal punishment, and pay a fine, &ca., was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the sentence of the said Court be remitted, and the Defendent pardoned.

The Petition of Isabella Grant, convicted of Larceny, was read, & rejected.

A return of an Election for Justices of the peace for the township of Rostraver, in the County of Westmoreland, was read, by which it appears that Alexander Mitchell and Henry Wesly were duly elected; whereupon,

Ordered, That Alexander Mitchell be appointed and commissioned a Justice of the peace for the Co'y of Westmoreland.

The petition of Francis Nelson, convicted of Misprision of Treason, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That he be pardoned, on condition of his quitting the State within one Month, and never returning, but not to extend to a permission to go to New York, which this Board do not approve.

Note —Pardon dated Eighteenth May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Lacey.

A letter was forwarded to Samuel Rea, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, in answer to his of the first instant, together with the proclamations offering a reward for Indian scalps.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esq'r, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the sum of four thousand pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the sum of two thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An application from Hon'ble Governor Morris, on behalf of Mrs. Eliza Francis, wife of Mr. Samuel Francis, late of the city of New York, Inn-holder, for permission for the said Mrs. Francis to come from the same city of New York to this city, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted, on condition that she do not return to the said city of New York during the present War, nor hold any correspondence with any person there during her residence in the city of Philadelphia.

The Petition of David Coleman, convicted of an Assault and Battery at a court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace, held the seventh day of March last, for the County of Philadelphia, and sentenced by the said Court to pay a Fine of fifteen hundred pounds to the use of the State, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said Fine, and praying remission of the same; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition of his enlisting to serve on board one of the Gallies in the service of this State, during the present War, unless sooner discharged; For which enlistment he is to receive no bounty.

An application from Mrs. Mary Miller, on behalf of her Son, William Miller, now in New York, for a pass for the said William Miller to come from New York to Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted, on condition that the said William Miller do not return to New York during the present War, nor hold any correspondence with any person there during his residence in Philadelphia.

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The Petition of Isabella Grant, convicted of receiving Stolen goods, and sentenced to be Whipped and pay a fine to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said Fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Scott.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, for purchasing Fire Wood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of four hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Joseph Gardner, Esq'r, for the sum of three thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of seven hundred and sixty-one pounds twelve shillings and four pence, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woolper and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the twelfth day of March to the ninth day of April last.

A letter from the Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants of the city of Philadelphia, dated this day, was read, setting forth that the Inhabitants of Mulberry and North Wards had neglected to Elect their Officers, agreeable to the Militia Law of this State, and recommending Alexander Quarrier, Conrad Syfert, William Hunter, and John Laurence, as proper persons to be appointed Officers in the said Wards; thereupon,

Ordered, That Alexander Quarrier be appointed Captain, Conrad Syfert, Lieutenant, and William Hunter, Ensign, of a Company of Militia in Mulberry Ward, in the City of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That John Laurence be appointed Lieutenant of a company of Militia in North Ward, in the said City, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Dunlap, for the sum of eight hundred and eighty-five pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of his accounts for printing work done for the Council.

The Case of John Jones, under sentence of death, being again considered, and some favourable Circumstances appearing,

Resolved, That he be reprieved untill the further Order of the Board.

The petition of George Montgomery, now under sentence of death, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That George Montgomery be reprieved untill the further order of the Board.

Henry Lane, charged with disaffection to the Interests of the United States, appeared before the Council, by Order of Plunkett Fleeson, Esq'r. On Examination, it appears that he is an Englishman; served part of his apprenticeship in this city—that he came into Philadelphia during the time it was in possession of the Enemy, and went to England; that he returned to New York, & from thence into New Jersey, and that his conduct in New Jersey had afforded ground of suspicion.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Henry Lane do attend this Board on Tuesday next, for further examination.

The petition of Joseph Richardson, now a Prisoner in the Goal of Philadelphia, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Joseph Richardson be discharged from confinement, on condition of his leaving the State of Pennsylvania and going to some other part of America, not in the possession of the Enemy, not to return to this State without leave.

Petition of Captanin Manifold, on behalf of the fourth Regiment of light Dragoons, was read, and rejected.

Petition of Paul Zantzinger & William Barton, praying leave for the Reverend Thomas Barton & Wife to return from New York, or the Petitioners to go into that City and return, was read; and on consideration, rejected Unanimously.

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WHEREAS, It appears to this Board that there is due to the State several sums of Money for Horses sold by William McAlevy, belonging to Jacob Hare, whose Estate has been confiscated:

On Consideration,

Ordered, That William McAlevy be authorised & directed to recover the said Monies, and after deducting all reasonable Charges, pay the same to Colonel John Piper, Lieuten't of the Co'y of Bedford.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

A Decree of the Judges of the Supreme Court, against the Estate of Richard Swanwick, forfeited and Seized by the State, in favour of Archibald Irwin, for the sum of one hundred and eight pounds four shillings debt, and seventeen pounds and fourteen shillings Charges, was read; And thereupon,

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Archibald Irwin, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds eighteen shillings, to be paid out of the Money in the Treasury arising from the Estate of the s'd Rich'd Swanwick.

A letter from Nathaniel Galt, late an Officer in the State service, was read.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That as the Boat to which Mr. Galt belonged at the time he was taken Prisoner being sold, & the Officers belonging to her discharged, Mr. Galt was of course likewise discharged immediately on his being Exchanged.

Colonel Mitchell attended in Council, and paid the sum of seven hundred pounds, One Month's rent of the Bridge over Schuylkill, due the first instant.

Ordered, That the same be paid by the Secretary to the State Treasurer.

Ordered, That Captain Stiles do furnish Captain Boys with such stores as he may have Occasion for in the Expedition down the River against the Boats now in the Bay.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of Six thousand four hundred and sixty-eight pounds ten shillings and ten pence, amount of Money due to

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the Officers and Men of the Gallies, in lieu of their Rations and refreshments from the eighth day of April last to the sixth day of May instant.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of one hundred and ninety pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies, from the first day of April last to the first day of May instant.

Ordered, That the Agents for forfeited Estates for the City and County of Philad'a, do proceed to the Sale of all the forfeited Estates within their respective districts, giving due notice thereof according to law.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Ham, for the sum of Nine hundred and ninety-two pounds, for nine barrels of Pilot Bread, purchased by Capt'n Nathan Boys, for the use of the Officers and Men going down the River against the Enemy's Boats in the Bay.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James McCallment, for the sum of four thousand seven hundred & seventy pounds, for one hundred and six Gallons of rum, at forty-five pounds per gallon, purchased by Captain Nathan Boys, for the use aforesaid.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Leland, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, for two Barrels of Pork, purchased by Captain Nathan Boys, for the use aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.

An Order was drawn in favour of John Aitkin, for three hundred and sixty pounds, to replace a hanger, lost by the President in the unhappy transaction of the fourth of October last.

For the information of the Lieutenants of Counties, and also of the Officers chosen in the Militia, as well as Other persons elected into public Offices, that by law all persons who have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and abjuration before the first day of June, 1778, need not take any other Oath to the State; but all persons who have taken the Oaths since, & are now Elected into Office,

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must also take the Oath enjoined by the Supplementary Act, passed the 5th day of Dec'r, 1778.

Resolved, That the above be published.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Joseph Gardner, for the sum of five thousand pounds, to be forwarded to Colonel John Piper, Lieutenant of Bedford county, for raising the Companies of Rangers for the defence of the frontiers.

A return of Justices for Mahony Township, in the County of Northumberland, being laid before the Board,

Resolved, That John Heckard, Esq'r, be Commissioned as a Justice of the Peace (of that Township) for the said County.

A like return from Newberry Township, in the County of York, being also read,

Resolved, That John Rankin be Commissioned as a Justice of the peace of the said Township.

In Council.

Wednesday, May 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Petition of Elizabeth Britt, on behalf of her husband, George Britt, convicted of receiving Stolen goods, & sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, and he be released from confinement, on Condition of his entering on Board one of the Gallies in the Service of this State, without any bounty, to serve during the present War, unless sooner discharged.

Henry Lane, Charged with Enmity and disaffection to the United States, having been brought before this Board and examined, and the account given being very unsatisfactory,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, do apprehend the said Henry Lane, and confine him in the Goal of the County, pursuant to an Act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act to empower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, & to increase the fines to which persons are liable to for neglecting to perform their tour of Militia duty."

The following Petitions for passes to New York, were read and rejected, to wit:

Samuel Jackson, Jane Gallagher, Ann Tonry, Margaret Fowler, Hugh Quin, Terence Lynch, and Robert Anderson, Peter Knell,

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John Whittingham, Mathew Treacy, Charles Cœcil, Mary Mathews, James Morgan, Sarah Clark, Jane Lutet, Margaret Grew, Christina M'Dowell, Margaret Leary, Elizabeth Sutherland, Timothy McCalla, Thomas Halfpenny, Eleanor McMichael, Oliver Ross.

The Petitions of Robert Dunlap, Mary Roker and Mary Bird, praying permission to go into the City of New York, were read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That passes be granted, on Condition that passes severally give security in the sum of five thousand pounds, not to return again without the special permission of this Board.

In Council.

Thursday, May 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

A Deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to Hugh Horner, of the county of Northampton, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in Allen Township, in the said county, Bounded as follows, Vizt: beginning at a post in the middle of the west branch of Manakisy, in a line of Hugh Horner's other land; thence by the said Horner's other land east three Hundred & forty perches and one quarter of a perch, to a stone set for a Corner of said Horner's other land, in a line of Arthur Erwin's land; thence by the said Erwin's land North fifty perches, to a post set for a Corner of James Doak's land; thence by the said Doak's land West three hundred & twenty-six perches, to a post in the middle of the west branch of Manackisy Creek; thence down the several courses of the said West Branch of Manackisy Creek sixty-four perches, to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and seven acres and thirty-one perches, strict measure. The sum of four thousand eight hundred & twenty-three pounds fourteen shillings and four pence half penny consideration money having been paid to William McNair, agent for forfeited Estates for the said County. Deed dated the eleventh day of May instant.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to John McNair, Junior, of the County of Northampton, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in Allen Township, in the said County, bounded as follows, Vizt: beginning at a post in the middle of the west branch of the Manackisy, being also the Cor-

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ner of Joseph Horner's land; thence by said Horner's land East two hundred and sixty-one perches and a Quarter of a perch, to a post, being the Corner of William Mauphett's land; thence by the said Mauphett's land by Paul Francis's land south one hundred & seven perches and a half of a perch, to a post in said Francis's line, being also the Corner of James Doak's land; thence by said Doak's land West two hundred & ninety perches, to a post in the middle of the said West branch of Manackisy Creek; thence up the several courses of the said West branch of Manackisy Creek one hundred and eighteen perches, to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and eighty nine acres and ninety-nine perches, strict measure. The sum of eight thousand five hundred and thirty-two pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence half penny consideration Money having been paid to William M'Nair, Agent for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the eleventh day of May instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Henry Shade, of the County of Northampton, conveying a certain tract of or piece of Land in Bethlem Township, in the said County, bounded as follows, Vizt: beginning at a White Oak Tree marked for a corner of William Mauphett's land; thence by the said Mauphett's land and by the lands of Jane Herron, Mary Parry, and the United Brethern, East six hundred & ten perches, to a white Oak Tree in the line of John George Hartzell's land; thence by the said Hartzell's land South one degree and a half east forty-five perches and three-quarters of a perch, to a post, being the corner of land of James Doak; thence by the said Doak's land the five following courses and distances, Vizt: West ninety perches to a post, south twenty perches to a post, West four hundred and thirty-one perches and a quarter of a perch to a post, South twenty perches to a post, and west ninety perches to a post, in a line of the said James Doak's land; thence by the said Doak's and William McNair, Esq'rs land North eighty-five perches and three-quarters of a perch, to the place of beginning; containing two hundred and fifty acres and one hundred & fifty-eight perches, strict measure, Seized & sold agreeable to law, as the Estate late of Andrew Allen, forfeited to the use of the State; the sum of twelve thousand and forty-seven pounds consideration Money having been paid to the Agents for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the Eleventh day of May instant.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to James Doak, of the co'ty of Northampton, conveying two certain tracts of land situate in Bethlem Township, in the said County, one of them beginning at a post, being also a corner of the other tract of said Doak's land; thence by Hugh Horner's and James Doak's North forty-seven perches, to a post in said Doak's line; thence by Henry Shade's land the five following courses and distances, Vizt: east ninety perches to a post, North twenty perches

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to a post, east four hundred and thirty-one perches and one-quarter of a perch to a post, North twenty perches to a post, and east ninety perches to a post in the line of John George Hartzell's land; thence by the said Hartzell's land and by land of Mathew Koenicks, south one degree and an half east one hundred and seven perches to a small white Oak Sapling, marked for a corner; thence by the other tract of the said Doak's land the seven following courses and distances, Vizt: West ninety-one perches to a post, North twenty perches to a post, West fifty-two perches to a post, North twenty perches west eighty-two perches, to a post, south forty-two degrees West twenty-seven perches, to a post, and west three hundred and seventy-one perches, to the place of beginning; containing two hundred and fifty-six acres & eighty-four perches, strict measure. And the other of said tracts adjoining the above tract on the south side thereof, beginning at the same post mentioned for the beginning of the first described tract; thence by Hugh Horner's land south sixty-five perches to a Hickory, marked for a corner, being also a Corner of said Horner's land, the land of John Cloyd, and also the Corner of George Michael Schurtz's land; thence by the said Schurtz's land, and by the lands of Michael Schall & George Pheipher, East six hundred and fifteen perches to a ; thence by the said Pheipher's and partly by Mathew Keenick's land North one degree and a half West forty-five perches to a small white Oak sapling, being the south-west corner of the above described tract of said James Doak's land; thence by the same the seven following courses and distances, Vizt: west ninety-one perches to a post, North twenty perches to a post, West fifty-two perches to a post, North twenty perches to a post, West eighty-two perches to a post, south forty-two degrees West twenty-seven purches to a post, and west three hundred and seventy-one perches, to the place of beginning; containing two hundred and forty-nine acres and ninety-two perches, strict measure; Seized as the Estate late of Andrew Allen, forfeited to the State, and sold agreeable to law to the said James Doak, for the Sum of twenty thousand two hundred and eighty-five pounds fourteen shillings consideration money, which sum hath been paid to the agents for forfeited estates in the said County. Deed dated the eleventh day of May instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Doak, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in Allen Township, in the said County, bounded as follows: beginning at a post set for a corner, in the middle of the West branch of Menackisy Creek, being the North-west corner of Hugh Horner's land; thence by the said Horner's land east three hundred and twenty-six perches to a post in a line of said James Doak's land; thence by the said Doak's land, and partly by Henry Shade's land, North fifty-five perches and a half of a perch to a post in said Doak's line, being the corner of John M'Nair's land; thence by

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the said McNair's land west two hundred and ninety perches, to a post in the middle of the said west branch of Manackisy Creek; thence down the several courses of the aforesaid Creek seventy-three perches, to the place of beginning; containing one hundred & five acres and seventy-one perches, strict measure; seized as the estate late of Andrew Allen, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law, to the said James Doak, for the sum of four thousand two hundred and seventeen pounds fifteen shillings consideration money, which sum hath been paid to the agents for forfeited estates in the said County. Deed dated the eleventh day of May instant.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Petition of Elizabeth Rhinedollar, and agreed to grant her a pass to New York.

The Petition of Ann Dunkin, of this City, Widow of Robert Dunkin, late a Lieutenant on Board the Milford Ship of War, belonging to the King of great Britain, praying leave to go into New York to obtain her half pay, was read; and on consideration, the said Petition was unanimously rejected.

The Petition of Margaret M'Kewn, praying a pass to New York, was read, & the same was referred.

The Petition of John and Mary Whittingham, praying a pass to New York, was read & rejected.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That this Board will not receive petitions for recommendations to pass into New York, untill the first day of August next.

A Memorial from the Rev'd Bernard Grube, requesting a pass and recommendation from the President and Council to the Commanding Officer at Fort Pitt, for himself and Gotlieb Senseman & his Wife, the said Bernard Adam Grube intending to visit the present Missionaries & Indian Congregation on Muskingum River, and Gotlieb Senseman proposing to become an assistant in propagating the Gospel & the Ministry in the Indian Congregation,

Ordered, That the said request be complied with, and Mr. Grube and Mr. Senseman and Wife be recommended to Colonel Broadhead, or Officer commanding at Fort Pitt, & any other Officers of the State.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

On application, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Francis Hopkinson, or his order, for the sum of three hundred & seventy-five pounds, for nine Months' Salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

John Maxwell Nesbitt having become Surety for the good behaviour of Henry Lane, now confined in the Goal of this City,

Ordered, That the said Henry Lane be enlarged from his confinement, & that he do immediately retire from this State into New Jersey.

On application from Colonel Smith, Sub-lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the Militia of Philadelphia County who marched to Trenton last fall, be allowed eight dollars per day untill they arrived at Trenton.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents for forfeited Estates do immediately proceed to the sale of the forfeited estates in the respective Counties of the State, any former order of this Board to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding.

WHEREAS, By the original Charter of William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietary to the City of Philad'a, it was granted that all lands within the bounds and limits of the City ungranted, should remain open as a free common of pasture for the use of the inhabitants, and notwithstanding such engagement, the late Proprietaries have given permission at sundry times to individuals to inclose unsold lotts, to the great prejudice of the Inhabitants generally:

And Whereas, The right and interests in said lands are now vested in the State, and all permissions and authority derived under them are void and of no effect:

Resolved, therefore, That publick notice be given to the occupiers of said lotts, that they remove their fences forthwith and lay open the said lotts for common use, or in failure thereof, such inclosures will be considered as nusances & removed accordingly.

The application of Captain Carberry and Lieutenant Houston being again read & considered,

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Resolved, That this Board are very sensible of their services and sufferings, and have made inquiry what provision is made by the Congress upon such occasions, and find there is a resolve of Congress by which officers who are wounded or sick, and cannot, from special circumstances, be taken proper care of at any Hospital, are entitled to have their reasonable accounts paid. That this Board have never been before applied to on such occasion, and are very apprehensive that by granting a sum of money, as prayed for, they may set a precedent which may prove very inconvenient to the publick, and for which they have no authority.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Daniel Clymer, Esq'r, of the City of Philadelphia, Conveying a certain tract or piece of Land, situate in Roxborough Township, in the County of Philadelphia, divided into seven lotts or surveys, and bounded as follows, Vizt: Beginning at a corner of John Fromberger's lott; thence extending along the line of Samuel Powell's land North sixty-three degrees east two hundred & seventy perches and three-quarters of a perch to the Ridge Road; thence along the said Road south seven degrees west forty-two perches and an half; thence along by the same road south twelve degrees east nine perches and six-tenths of a perch to a road of one perch wide; thence by the same road south sixty-three degrees west two hundred and forty-four perches and three-quarters of a perch, to a corner of John Fromberger's lott; thence along the line of the said John Fromberger's lott to the place of beginning; the said seven lotts or surveys containing seventy Acres, be the same more or less: Seized as the estate late of Christopher Saur, and sold agreeable to Law, to the said Daniel Clymer, for the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred and ten pounds, which sum hath been paid to the Agents for forfeited estates in the said County. Deed dated the tenth day of May instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.
Mr. Gardner, and

An srder was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Searle, Esq'r, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, to be charged to his account.

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The Case of Margaret McKewn, who applied some time ago for a pass into New York, having been referred for inquiry, was now resumed; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a recommendation be ordered to said Margaret McKewn, not to return again.

Mr. Ellisworth, Mr. Muhlenbergh and Mr. Huston, a Committee of Congress, attending in Council and informed that there was a great distress at Camp for want of Meat, and a conference on the means of a supply from Pennsylvania was had.

Colonel Cheney, of the County of Chester, laid before the Council an inquest of the Coroner of the said County, held on the body of William Boyd, late of the said County, by which it appears that he, the said William Boyd, was killed and murdered by John Smith or Robert Smith, both of the said County, and that the Murtherers had fled; on Consideration,

Ordered, That a publick reward of ten thousand dollars be offered for each of them, the said John & Robert Smith, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure them in any Goal of this State. And the following proclamation being drawn, was ordered to be signed and published, to wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, By an inquest held by the Coroner of the County of Chester, it appears that William Boyd, while in discharge of his duty as a Collector of the publick Taxes, was Murdered and killed by a certain John Smith or Robert Smith, both of the said County of Chester:

And Whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the Security of the lives of the good people of the State, and a due Execution of the laws, that the perpetrators of so horrid a crime should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment: We have, therefore, thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby engaging that the publick reward of twenty thousand dollars shall be paid to any person or persons, who shall apprehend the said John Smith and Robert Smith, and secure them in any Goal within this State; or the sum of ten thousand dollars for either of them. And we do hereby charge & command all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers, as well as all other the good subjects of this State, to exert themselves, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure

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the said John Smith & Robert Smith, so that they may be brought to Trial & be punished according to Law.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest—T'y MATLACK, S'y.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Greer, of the County of Bucks, yeoman, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Hilltown Township, in the said County, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone, a corner of land of Erasmus Kelly; thence by the same North forty-seven degrees West one hundred and forty-four perches to a stone for a corner; thence south forty degrees West one hundred and forty-seven perches to a stone; thence by Edward Vastines' Land, South sixty degrees forty-five minutes east eighty-eight perches to a stone; thence by land late of Edward Jones, forfeited to the use of the State and sold to Samuel McKinstry, south thirty-one degrees forty-five minutes, east twenty-seven perches and four-tenths, to a marked black Oak; thence by the same land north sixty degrees thirty minutes east twenty-nine perches and six-tenths of a perch to a stone; thence by the same land south thirty-eight degrees fifteen minutes East thirty four perches to a stone; thence still by the same land North forty degrees forty-five minutes East ninety-nine perches, to the place of beginning; containing one hundred acres three quarters and thirty-nine perches: Seized as the estate late of Jonathan Jones, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeable to law, to the said Joseph Greer, for the sum of five thousand and ninety pounds, which sum he hath paid to George Wall, Junior, Esq'r, Agent for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the twelfth day of May instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, Mr. Read.

Doctor Gardner, and

William Finney being examined concerning his knowledge of John Patrick Lynch, and of a Mr. Carr, mentioned by Mr. Lynch,

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appears to have very little knowledge of Lynch, and altho' he knew Carr, yet he could give no circumstances of any importance relative to Mr. Lynch.

A letter from Mathew Clarkson, Esq'r, proposing Michael Hillegas and Gerardus Clarkson as his sureties for the faithfull performance of his duty as Marshall of the Admiralty:

On consideration, agreed that the said sureties are sufficient, and that they be accordingly accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, Doctor Gardner.
Mr. Read, and

In Consequence of the representation to Congress, by their Committee at Camp, of the extreme want of Provisions, communicated to this Board, the most pressing letters from Camp to his Excellency, and the earnest desire of Council to give every possible assistance to the Army, not only in general, but especially in this distressing emergency, the Council requested a conferrence with a committee of Congress, and a committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

A Committee of three (Mr. Huston, Mr. Muhlenburgh, and Mr. Ellsworth,) Members of Congress, and a Committee of thirteen, including the Speaker of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and the Extracts of letters from Camp were read and the whole subject very fully considered, and the Committee of Congress were informed, that altho' the Council had, as soon as it was possible, exerted their utmost efforts, there was not the least prospect of any considerable supply of meat, as the Cattle did not exist within the State: otherwise, that the State would have been exceedingly pleased to have given a supply of meat instead of Bread, as being much for the interest of the State, as well as perfectly consistent with their earnest wishes to supply the Army, as it would save the expence of Carriage, which has exceedingly distressed the People of Pennsylvania.

The Petition of George Meade, Thomas Franklin, and William White, praying this Board to take into consideration the case of Mrs. Ferguson, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That as the case of Mrs. Ferguson has been repeatedly under the consideration of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, who

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are best entitled to dispose of the property of the State, and as they have not thought proper to make any special allowance for Mrs. Ferguson, the Council refer her to the Agents of the County, upon whose justice and humanity in the execution of the Law, they fully confide.

The application of Mrs. Shoemaker, wife of Samuel Shoemaker, for leave to go into New York and return again in one year, being considered:

Ordered, That Mrs. Shoemaker be permitted to go into New York, she giving security not to return again at any time, without leave first obtained from this Council.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated Morris Town, May 11th, 1780, was read, wherein he recommends that Michael Everly, a Serjeant in the tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, be promoted to be an Ensign in that Regiment, "for his extraordinary exertions in inducing the soldiers to re-enlist, and upon many other services; and that his Commission bear date as of the first of October, 1779."

On consideration, on this special case:

Ordered, That the said Michael Everly be accordingly appointed an Ensign in the said Regiment, and that his Commission bear date the first day of October, 1779, agreeable to his Excellency General Washington's recommendation.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Scott, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to William Kerlinc, of the county of Chester, yeoman, conveying a certain piece of land and Marsh, (part of a larger tract of two hundred and twelve acres,) late the estate of Joseph Galloway, situate on Tinicum Island, in the said County of Chester, bounded as follows, Viz: beginning at a stake standing in the middle of Bow Creek, being also a corner of Jacob Rudolph's land and Marsh; thence by the said Joseph Rudolph's land and Marsh south twenty-nine degress east one hundred perches to a stake in Tinicum road; thence along the middle of the said Road north sixty-three degrees east thirty-four perches to another stake in the said road;

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thence by other part of the said two hundred & twelve acres; Sold to James Budden and others, North twenty-six degrees west seventy-six perches to a stake in Bow Creek aforesaid; thence up the several courses thereof fifty-five perches and one half of a perch to the place of the beginning; containing twenty acres one quarter and twenty-six perches: Seized & sold, forfeited to the use of the State, & sold agreeable to law, to the said William Kerline, for the sum of four thousand six hundred and thirteen pounds four shillings and sixpence, which sum he hath paid to the Agents for forfeited estates in the said County. Deed dated the seventeenth day of May instant.

The remonstrance of Richard Wolls was read, praying permission to hold a lott of ground on Arch Street, the resolve of Congress of the twelfth instant notwithstanding; on consideration,

Ordered, That the said remonstrance be rejected.

A letter from John Patrick Lynch, dated the sixteenth instant, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, That John Patrick Lynch be removed from the Old Goal to the New Goal, the Council considering him in the Character of a prisoner of War; and that Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, be informed thereof, that he may have charge of him untill the cause now before the Court of appeal, relative to the Vessel and Cargo claimed by the said Lynch, be decided.

A return of Justices of the Peace Elect for Letterkenny Township, in the County of Cumberland, was read, by which it appears that Josiah Crawford and James McConnell were duly elected. On consideration,

Ordered, That Josiah Crawford be appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the peace for the County of Cumberland.

A return of Justices of the peace for the Townships of Straban and Mount Pleasants, in the County of York, was read, by which it appears that David Beatty and David Simpson were duly elected.

On consideration,

Ordered, That David Beatty be appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice for the County of York.

Mr. John Nixon attended in Council, and being interrogated, acknowledged that he had written several times to Mr. Andrew Elliott, mere letters of Friendship. Being informed that there was a mention made of "a Commission to Mr. Elliott," he declared that he had written to Mr. Elliott respecting a Vessel belonging to him, (Nixon,) which had been taken by the Enemy, and that he had desired Mr. Elliott to send him two pieces of Candonoe Handkerchiefs.

Mess'rs John Maxwell Nesbitt, Mathew Clarkson, and Thomas Laurence, a Committee of Merchants, appointed to confer with Council on several difficulties arising on the currency proposed to be given to the State money now issuing, attended in Council, and

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a free conference being had on same, to the mutual satisfaction, they retired.

The petition of Captain William Barber, now under parole as a Prisoner of War, was read, praying to be permitted to be considered as a Citizen; and, also, a representation of his case by Captain Benjamin Wikes.

Ordered, That Captain Wikes be requested to State the case of Captain Barber, as far as he is acquainted with it, on oath.

A application by the Clothier General of the United States, for permission to sell a quantity of damaged and other Cloathing, by order of the Board of War, being considered,

Ordered, That the vendue Master be directed to sell the same, agreeable to the order of the Board of War.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Elijah Weed, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five pounds, his expences in apprehending and securing a certain David Dawson, of the County of Chester, attainted of high Treason.

Captain Boys laid before the Council the account of expences in fitting out the boats sent down the Bay, Vizt:

Peter Marsh's acco't, amount to - - -	£790 10 0
Dean Timmons', - - - - -	189
James Sutter's acco't, - - - -	500
Elias Boys', - - - - -	600
Samuel Lowry's, - - - - -	189
Hale and Lawton, - - - - -	387 9
Henry Littman's, - - - - -	414 14
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And the same being examined, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of three thousand and seventy pounds and thirteen shillings, the amount of the said account.

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The following "Return of the vacancies in the Pennsylvania division, and the names of the Officers who are intitled to fill them," dated Camp, near Morris Town, May 11th, 1780:

First Regiment.

Ensign Joseph Collier to be Lieutenant from May 17th, 1779, Vice Lieutenant Lyons resigned.

Ensign Benjamin Chambers to be Lieutenant from September 13th, 1779, Vice Lieuten't Boyd, killed.

Captain Lieut't John McClellan to be Captain from October 1st, 1779, Vice Captain Buchannan, resigned.

Lieutenant John Hughes to be Captain Lieut't from October, 1779, Vice Captain McClellan, promoted.

Ensign Michael Hoffman to be Lieutenant from October the 1st, 1779, Vice Lieutenant Hughes, promoted.

Mr. John McMurtrey appointed Ensign October the first, 1779.

Second Regiment.

Ensign John Stricker to be Lieutenant from May the 1st, 1779, Vice Lieutenant Waggoner, resigned.

Ensign Henry D. Purcell to be Lieutenant from September the 3d, 1779, Vice Lieut't Norton, resigned.

Third Regiment.

Lieutenant Marshall to be Captain Lieut't, Vice Captain Lieutenant Henderson, promoted May 12, 1779.

Ensign Richard Fullerton to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Marshall, promoted May 12th, 1779.

Captain Lieut't John Marshall to be Captain, Vice Captain Riely, left out by order of Gen'l St. Clair, August the 13th, 1779, in consequence of his telling Colonel Craig he would never Join the Regiment.

Lieutenant John Boyd to be Captain Lieuten't, Vice Captain Lieut. Marshall, promoted Aug'st 13th, 1779.

Ensign John Wigton to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Boyd, promoted August 13th, 1779.

Ensign Peter Smith to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant King, left out by order of Gen'l St. Clair, in consequence of his absence from the Regiment about three years, August 13th, 1779.

Fifth Regiment.

Captain Lieut. Job Vernon to be Captain from June 13th, 1779, Vice Captain Ryan, resigned.

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Lieutenant John Barclay to be Captain Lieut't from June 13th, 1779, Vice Captain Lieut't Vernon, promoted.

Ensign Benjamin Marshall to be Lieutenant from June 13th, 1779, Vice Lieutenant Barclay, promoted.

Seventh Regiment.

Captain Lieut't Samuel Kennedy to be Captain from April 17th, 1780, Vice Captain William Alexander, promoted.

Lieutenant John Bush to be Captain Lieutenant from April 17th, 1780, Vice Captain Lieutenant Kennedy, promoted.

Ninth Regiment.

Captain Lieut. William Van-leer to be Captain from October 10th, 1779, Vice Capt'n Grant, (dead.)

Lieutenant Stephen Stevenson to be Captain Lieut't from October the 10th, 1779, Vice Capt'n Van-leer, promoted.

Ensign Llewellyn Davis to be Lieutenant from August the 10th, 1779, Vice Lieut't Markland, resigned.

Tenth Regiment.

Ensign Francis White, Lieutenant, 2d Aug'st, 1779, Vice Lieut't Murray, promoted to a Company.

Alexander Stewart, Surgeon, 10th October, 1779, Vice Francis O'Neal, dismissed the service.

Captain Lieut't Robert Patton, Captain, 1st of March, 1780, Vice Capt'n Stout, resigned.

Lieutenant Jacob Giles Hicks, Captain Lieut't, Vice Captain Lieut't Robert Patton, promoted.

Ensign Alexander Benstead, 1st March, 1780, Vice Lieutenant Hicks, promoted.

Ensign Robert Martin, Lieutenant, 1st Ap'l, 1780, Vice Lieutenant Drummond, resigned.

Lieutenant Nicholas White, resigned, 1st April, 1780.

Major Christopher Steuart, intitled to be promoted, to be Lieuten't Colonel of the third Regiment, the 17th of April, 1780, Vice Lieut't Colonel Williams, resigned.

Captain William Alxander to be promoted Major, 17th of April, 1780, Vice Major Boyls, of 3rd Reg't, killed.

Captain George Tudor to be promoted Major, Vice Major Steuart, promoted, of the fifth Regiment.

Fourth Regiment.

Captain Lieutenant William Sproat to be Captain, Vice Captain David Brown, resigned, 17th April, 1779.

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Lieutenant Thomas Campbell to be Captain Lieut't, Vice Captain Lieut't Sproat, promoted.

Ensign John Pratt to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieut't Campbell, promoted.

Ensign Henry Henly to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Randolph, resigned, 10th May, 1779.

Ensign Andrew Henderson to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Potang, resigned, 31st December, 1779.

Also, the decision of a Board of Officers respecting the rank of Captain William Alxander and Captain George Tudor.

Ordered, That the same be forwarded to the Board of War.

A return of the Pennsylvania line, by General Irwin, was read.

A Committee of the Hon'ble house conferred with Council on the subject of the books in possession of Mr. Physick.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Doctor Gardner, and

Petition of Christopher Schultz, an assessor of the County of Berks, complaining of the Commissioners of the said County, was read, and also sundry depositions relating thereto.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court.

The Petition of William Barton and Paul Zantzinger was read, praying that the Rev'd Mr. Thomas Barton and his wife may be permitted to return from the city of New York into this State; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the many and great inconveniencies which must attend the examples, as well as from the impropriety of the thing itself, the Council cannot, consistent with their duty to the publick, grant the said petition.

Petition of Frederick Sneider, praying a suit of cloaths, for special services at Lancaster, promised to him by the late President, was read.

Ordered, That the State Clothier do furnish to Frederick Sneider cloth of midling quality, sufficient for coat, Jacoat and breeches.

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On application,

Ordered, That a suit of cloaths, of Black, be furnished by the State Clothier to the Reverend Mr. Samuel Blair, Chaplain to the Brigade of artillery, in the same manner as has been furnished to other Clergymen.

The following Message being moved, was agreed to, and ordered to be signed, Viat:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The situation of the Frontier Counties of the State being in many respects very critical, and requiring immediate and close attention, We have thought it proper to request that you will appoint a committee of your Hon'ble house to confer with us on that subject, as early as may be consistent with the business now before you.

JOSEPH REED, President.

In Council, Philad'a, May 19th, 1780.

Hon'ble house of Representatives.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds, amount of sundry accounts for repairing the big house in the Barracks.

John Harris, Abraham Smith, & William Hollinshead, Esq'rs, a committee of the Hon'ble house of General Assembly, attended in the Council Chamber, and informed the Council that the Hon'ble the house of General Assembly had referred to the President and Council the disposition of the books belonging to the late Proprietaries, and in the hands of Edmund Physick, Esq'r, to do with them as they shall think fit.

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Colonel Blaine presented to the Council an order of Congress, in the following words, Vizt:

"In Congress, 11th April, 1780.

Dollars, 1,940,800.

Gentlemen:

Please to pay to Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, Commissary General of purchases, or order, one Million nine hundred and forty thousand eight hundred dollars, part of the monies raised in the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to be applied in the department of the said Commissary General, and for which he is to be accountable."

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

To his Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

Undersigned in these words:

"Entered in the Auditor Gen'ls Office, the twelfth day of April, 1780."

JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. G'l.

Altho' the state of the Treasury will not admit of the payment of the said sum, yet the Council being extremely anxious to relieve the Army in their present distresses,

Ordered, That the same be accepted, and that Mr. Rittenhouse be recommended to draw on the County Treasurer in favour of Colonel Blaine, or his order, for a sum sufficient to purchase two hundred and eighty Cattle; and the draft was thereupon endorsed in these words, Vizt:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, May 20th, 1780.

For 1,940,800 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, Commissary Gen'l of purchases, or his order, the sum of one Million nine hundred and forty thousand and eight hundred dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

Signed, JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treas'r.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Read, esquire, for the sum of Twelve hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board.

A Committee of Congress, Vizt: Mr. Elsworth, Mr. Henry and Mr. Houston, of the house of General Assembly, consisting of the Hon'ble the Speaker and twelve members, met in conference with Council, in the Council Chamber, and a free conference on the subject of loan office Certificates was had, In which the Committee of Assembly expressed the earnest desire of their constituents to have a determination of Congress respecting the value of loan office certificates at the several periods at which they have been emitted, as a matter of the highest importance to the People of this State in particular, and on which the determination of the Bill now before the General Assembly for recognizing the debt of the United States, and assuring and providing for the payment of the proportion of it to be paid by Pennsylvania. And also freely conferred on the subject of the Quarter Master and Commissaries' Certificates, issued for provisions and other articles supplied, and services done by the people of the State.

The conference having ended, the resolves of Congress of the 19th and 20th of May instant was read, respecting supplies for the Army, and provision to be made in expectation of foreign assistance. And also a letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the 19th May instant, respecting the same. By which resolves it appears that Congress now demand of this State an additional sum of one million seven hundred and ninety-six thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars, and that Bills on the Commissioners at the Courts of France and Spain will be drawn to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, of which ten thousand dollars are to be sold in this State.

Ordered, That the resolves of Congress of the Nineteenth and 20th of this instant May, and the letter from his Excellency the President of Congress of the 19th Instant, be laid before the Hon'ble house of Gen'l Assembly.

A certificate of the payment of fourteen hundred pounds to Robert Smith, Agent for confiscated estates, by John Mitchell, in full for a Negro Man called Aaron, about 25 years of age, pock marked,

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and about five feet six inches high, late the property of Peter Campbell, confiscated and sold by publick vendue, according to Law, being read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the sale of the said Negro Aaron be approved and confirmed, and the certificate returned to Colonel Mitchell.

A letter from Capt'n Lynch, dated this day, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Phillip Marsteller, Esq'r, be appointed Pay Master of the Militia of the county of Lancaster.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the books in the hands of Edmund Physick, Esq'r, late receiver General, be delivered into the Secretary's Office on or before Saturday the third of June next.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Scott.

A committee of the Hon'ble house of General Assembly, Vizt: Mr. Peale, Mr. Blewer, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Hayes, attended in Council, in the Council Chamber, and a conference was thereupon had on the subject of the resolutions of Congress of the 19th & 20th of May instant, and circular letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the 19th, respecting supplies for the Army, and provision to be made in expectation of foreign assist'ce.

The petition of Judith Doyle, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred and twenty-one pounds ten shillings to the use of the State, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The petition of Mary Sharp, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of three hundred pounds, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Furman, Esq'r, Sheriff of Monmouth co'y, in the State of New Jersey, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, the reward offered by this Board for apprehending and securing John Smith and Robert Smith, charged with the Murder of Mr. Boyd, a Collector for the county of Chester, agreeable to Proclamation of the 13th instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

A representation from the Commiss'rs of purchases for the City of Philadelphia & counties of Philadelphia, Lancaster, Bucks, Berks, & Northampton, that there are sundry difficulties in the limitation of the prices, and that the allowance made by law for their services was insufficient, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Hon'ble house of Assembly.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Ralston, and Mr. Peale, a committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and a free conference was had on the subject of Finance.

On application of Mr. Physick, and in consideration of the representation made by him,

Ordered, That the Books now in the possession of Mr. Physick may remain in his hands untill the sixth day of July next.

A letter was read from the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-second instant, recommending a continuance of the Embargo.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier General, presented to the Council an order of Congress in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, Ap'l 17th, 1780.

40,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Pay to James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier General, or his order, the sum of forty thousand dollars, (part of the monies raised in the State of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States,) advanced for the contingent expenses of his office, and for which he is to be accountable.

Ex'd C. F.

By order of Congress.
SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

His Excellency the Presid't and the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylv'a.

Entered in the Auditor General's office April 18th, 1780.
JAMES MILLIGAN, A. Gen'l.

Endorsed—Accepted May 25th, 1780.
JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

Altho' the state of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this order, yet as Mr. Wilkinson agrees to receive the money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favor of James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier Gen'l, and that the order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words, Vizt:

In Council, Philad'a, Friday, May 26th, 1780.

For 40,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier General, or his order, the sum of forty thousand dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favour of William McCalla, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Bucks, for the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty

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pounds of the Money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia the 25th day of March last, entitled "An "Act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds for the "present support of the Army, &ca."

In favour of Nicholas Lutz, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases in the County of Berks, for the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty pounds of the money aforesaid.

In favour of Christian Wertz, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Lancaster, for the sum of two thousand six hundred and fifty pounds of the money aforesaid.

In favour of David Deshler, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Northampton, for the sum of one thousand & seventy-five pounds of the money aforesaid.

In favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of two thousand nine hundred & fifty-three dollars, amount of sundry expences at Billingsport.

In favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, or his order, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That a special Commission be granted to Daniel Hand, Esq'r, to Justify him in repelling and making reprisals on the enemy with an armed boat called the George, but not to authorize him, or any Officers under him, to claim any of the advantages or emoluments allowed by act of Assembly to the officers & privates in the Naval Service of this State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

The petition of Andrew Darkess was read, praying remission of a fine of seven hundred pounds laid on him by the City Court for Felony.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The petition of Mary O'Harra, praying remission of a fine of one hundred pounds laid on her by the City Court for felony, was read.

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On consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The Petition of Joseph Myers, praying a pass into New Jersey to give Testimony on a case in hearing in that State, was read; and the same was granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Brigadier General James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds, for his expences in coming to Philadelphia to lay the state of the frontier counties before the house of Assembly.—See resolve of the House of the twenty-sixth instant afterw'ds.

Resolved, That the several Commissioners do proceed in the purchase of the articles for the supply of the Army under the act of Assembly, procuring the same at the cheapest and most reasonable rates; That they obtain an official information of the officer appointed to receive the said supply, the same being for the present to be furnished at the following posts, Vizt; First, Philadelphia; second, Easton; third, Reading; fourth, Lebanon; fifth, Lancaster; sixth, Sunbury; seventh, Estherton; eighth, York Town; Ninth, Carlisle: and that they give this Board constant information of their progress in the said business.

The following four resolves of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly were received, Vizt:

In Gen'l Assembly.

Thursday, May 25, 1780—P. M.

The Petition of Mary Murry was read the second time, and referred to the Supreme Executive Council, with the recommendation of this House in her favour.

Friday, May 26th, 1780—P. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council to defer the sale of the estate commonly called Græme Park, which Mrs. Ferguson now resides on, and that the said Elizabeth Ferguson be permitted to live rent free thereon, under the indulgence of the Commonwealth, she paying the Taxes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council to make such allowance to Brigadier General James Potter, Esq'r, for his travelling expences in coming to Philadelphia to lay the state of the Frontier counties before this house, as to them shall appear Just and reasonable.

Saturday, May 27th, 1780—A. M.

WHEREAS, by an application of a number of the Inhabitants of Northumberland County to this house, it appears that it has been absolutely necessary for the support of the Troops now stationed

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in that County, to purchase and procure, at their own private expence, the supplies necessary for them; therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of purchases for that County be and is hereby authorised and required, as soon as publick Money shall be in his hands, to adjust and settle and pay off all accounts of such purchases as shall appear Just, and properly attested; And that the President or Vice President in Council, be requested to direct the said Commissioner to proceed to purchase Beef, and whatever else may be necessary to the supply of the said Troops, or any Troops that may be raised and employed on the frontiers, altho' not specifically required of this State by Congress.

Extract from the Minutes.

THOS. PAINE, Cl'k of Gen'l Assem'y.

On consideration of the resolves of the Hon'ble house of Gen'l Assembly, respecting Mrs. Murray and respecting Mrs. Ferguson, The following Message was prepared, and Ordered to be signed by the President & presented to the Gen'l Assembly:

Message from the President and Council to the representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—We should be wanting in duty to our station, as well as regard to the interests of the State, if we did not express our concern at the interference of your Hon'ble House in matters merely of an Executive nature, and which have been already under the cognizance of this Board, and received a full determination.

The importunity of the petitioners has doubtless operated upon the indulgence of the house, but we flatter ourselves they rely upon the wisdom and spirit of Council in refusing the applications, where they appear inconsistent with plain positive law, or the rights of the Council, as declared by the constitution.

Three instances have occurred in the present session, and as they have an evident tendency to lessen the weight and importance of the Council in the Eyes of the people, we cannot but request your Hon'ble house to consider what our feelings are on such occasions, and to recollect with what proper Jealousy a former house viewed even the appearance of this Board interfering in their deliberations.

The case of Mrs. Murray was fully considered by the Council, and we found ourselves restrained by a law of the State, from giving the relief desired, if the circumstances had otherwise warranted it; this law is yet in full force, nor can any act of ours, or even a vote of the house, legally dispence with or annul it. We cannot suppose that the Legislative wish to acquire popularity at the expence of the Executive authority, much less that they would furnish the Enemies of the Government with a proof of the dangers arising from a single branch of Legislature, which has been so often and frequently asserted. But is most evident that both these are consequences flowing from this kind of interposition, and that we con-

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sult the real interests of the State in thus laying before you our sentiments on this important subject, which we more readily do, as we are persuaded from your known candour, that it will not only tend to preserve the harmony which has so happily subsisted between us, but relieve the Hon'ble house from the insupportable burthen which must there considering every particular case that will be thus laid before them, by way of appeal from our determinations.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, May 27th, 1780.

The Council proceeded to nominate the officers of the Ranging Company for the County of Westmoreland, and the following Gentlemen were chosen, Viz't: William Guthrie, Captain; Thomas Stokely, Lieutenant and Ensign.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Antis, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Northumberland, for the sum of five hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings of the Money emitted by act of Gen'l Assembly, passed the 25th March last, intitled "an act for striking one hundred thousand pounds, &ca."

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacy, Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Scott, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the Presid't, for the sum of five thousand pounds, in part of his salary, and place the same to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, or his order, for the sum of forty thousand pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of three thousand pounds, for the use of his department, and for which sum he is to be accountable.

A return of an election held for the City of Philadelphia, on Saturday the 27th instant, for choosing a Representative in the room of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, appointed one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, was read, by which it appears that James Hutchinson, Esquire, was duly elected, &ca.

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A return of the vacancies which have happened in the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania, since May the first, 1780, was read (as follows,-vizt:) Captain John Irwin, Vice Captain Jacob Ashmead, resigned, May the sixteenth; Lieutenant John Stoy, Captain Lieutenant, vice Captain Lieutenant John Irwin, promoted, May the sixteenth; Ensign Jacob M. De Hart, Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant John Stoy, promoted, May the 16th.

Signed Walter Stewart, Colonel, and Countersigned Wm. Irwine, Brigadier General.

Thomas James, one of the crew belonging to an armed boat belonging to New York, which has infested our Bay, was brought before the Council & examined. It appears he was found on board a vessel retaken in our River; and that the Commission under which his Captain (Hall) has acted, does not authorize him to act against America.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Bradford, deputy Commissary of Prisoners, be directed not to exchange the said Thomas James nor John Hand, John Roberson and John Ferris, taken at the same time.

An account of the expence of repairing the store at the corner of sixth street and Walnut strt., amounting to thirteen hundred and thirty pounds eighteen shillings, was laid before the Council, examined, and

Ordered, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, be directed to pay the sum of one thousand three hundred and thirty pounds and eighteen shillings, the expence of repairing the Store house at the corner of Walnut strt. and Sixth street.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacy, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

A letter from his Excellency the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, dated this day, was read, and Monsieur Holker, Consul of France, being introduced to a conference with this Board,

Resolved, Upon due deliberation, that this Council do most chearfully comply with the proposition made by the said Minister; and an agreement having been drawn, to be entered into by Monsieur Cornay, Commissary of War for his most Christian Majesty, on the

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one part, and Mr. Rittenhouse, Treasurer of the State, on the other part,

Ordered, That the said Mr. Rittenhouse do sign the same, and that his signature be binding on the State for the purposes therein mentioned.

The agreement is as follows, to Wit:

MEMORANDUM of an agreement between Monsieur De Cornay, Commissary of War to his most Christian Majesty, and David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania, under the advice and direction of his Excellency the President, and the Council of the said State, entered into by the said parties on the thirtieth day of May, Anno Domini 1780: The said Treasurer to lend and pay to Monsieur De Cornay on demand, the sum of seventeen thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of General Assembly of the said State, passed at Philadelphia, the twenty-fifth day of March last; the same to be repaid in the said Monies within three Months from the date of this agreement, with the interest arising thereupon, in specie: Or in case of Non-payment in the said bills, then the amount to be paid in specie, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser sum, to be estimated in Louis D'ors, at thirty-four shillings and six pence each: But in case of an accident to the fleet of his most Christian Majesty, now expected on this coast, so as to prevent the same being paid, then the said sum of seventeen thousand pounds, with the interest arising thereupon, to be paid by Bills of exchange, at the rate aforesaid: *Provided*, That no act of the General Assembly shall depreciate or lessen the value of the said money, and in case the said money shall be so depreciated, then the said sum to be repaid at the value to which it shall be depreciated; And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Monsieur De Cornay, for the sum of seventeen thousand pounds, accordingly.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated May the twenty-ninth instant, inclosing two acts of Congress of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh instant; "the former recommending to those of the States where debts are due to the inhabitants from the Quarter Master's and Commissaries' departments, by Notes or certificates, given as mentioned in the act; to make provision for discounting and discharging such debts, by empowering the Collectors to receive them in the payment of the Taxes due to the first of March, in the manner prescribed in the act. The other act of the twenty-seventh, you will be informed of the measure adopted by Congress to equip for sea the Naval force of the United States with the utmost expedition, as also their recommendation to the several States for promoting harmony and forwarding the common views of France and America, as expressed in the resolution enclosed."

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Ordered, That the said letter and resolve be laid before the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

Ordered, That William Evans, Esq'r, be appointed Commissioner of purchases for the County of Chester.

Application having been made by Monsieur Oster, Vice Consul of France, informing that some French sailors have deserted from the ships of his most Christian Majesty in the harbour, and that he has reason to believe they have been entered by some Masters of ships belonging to this Port, and that they are now concealed on Board vessels in the river,

Resolved, That the Justices of the peace of this State, or any one of them, do aid and assist persons suitably authorised by Monsieur Oster to search such Vessels and make due inquiry in the premisses; and all Masters of Vessels are forbid to harbour or employ the said deserters, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice Presid't.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, &

The following letters and papers respecting the State of the Army, Vizt:—A letter from the Hon'ble the Committee of Congress at Camp, of the 25th of May instant.

A letter from the said Committee of 25th May instant.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the 25th of May instant, and enclosed an address to the Soldiery from the enemy, to induce them to desert.

And the same being immediately sent into the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, a committee of the hon'ble house, consisting of the Speaker and five Members, attended in council, and a free conference thereon was had; during the conference a letter was received from Mr. Elsworth, General Armstrong and Mr. Duane, a Committee of Congress, requesting a Conference on the supplies for the Army; Whereupon, they were introduced into conference and read a letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington, of the 27th instant, to Congress, stating his situation and difficultics.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:—In favour of William Scott, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of York, for the sum of one thousand three hundred pounds of the Money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia the 25th day of March last, entitled "An act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds for the present support of the Army, &c.," for which he is to account.

In favour of William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Chester, for the sum of one thousand eight hundred and twenty pounds of the Money aforesaid, for which he is to account.

In favor of Samuel Lyons, Esq'r, Commiss'r of purchases for the County of Cumberland, for the sum of one thousand three hundred pounds of the money aforesaid, for which he is to account.

In favour of Charles Cessna, Esq'r, Commiss'r of purchases for the county of Bedford, for the sum of five hundred pounds of the Money aforesaid, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That William Amberson, Esq'r, be appointed Commissioner of purchases for the County of Westmoreland, in the room of John Allen; and an order was drawn in his favour on the Treasurer for the sum of five hundred pounds of the money aforesaid, for which he is to account.

The following resolve of the Hon'ble house of General Assembly was read, Vizt:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Wednesday, May 30th, 1780.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into the Election of two delegates in Congress, when Jared Ingersoll and Timothy Matlack, Esq'rs, were chosen by ballot, in addition to John Armstrong, James Searle, James M'Clene & Fred'k A. Muhlenburgh.

And thereupon, a certificate was issued under the great seal and signed by his Excellency the Presid't.

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In Council.

Friday, June 2d, 1780, PHILAD'A.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Gardner, &

The Board taking into consideration the necessity of immediately appointing persons to execute the act intitled "An Act for procuring an immediate supply of provisions for the Fœderal Army in its present exigency," the following persons were appointed, Vizt:— For Philad'a County, John Bull, Algernon Roberts, William Armstrong, 56 certificates, 200; 150 Certificates, 100 do. Chester, John Hannum, John Crosby, William Evans, Thomas Heslip, 400 do. Bucks, William M'Calla, Augustine Willet, Thomas Craig, Thomas Long, 200, 200 do 52. Berks, Nicholas Lutz, John Lesher, David Davis, 300 Certificates. Lancaster, Martin Bowsman, Philip Marsteller, Jacob Cook, James Messer, 400 do.— York, William Scott, 164 do. Northumberland, Fred'k Antis, 50 certificates.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Bull, Commissioner of purchases for the County of Philadelphia, for the sum of one thousand two hundred pounds of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia the twenty-sixth day of March last, entitled "An Act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds for the present support of the Army, &c.," for which he is to account.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants in the several Counties.

Moved and agreed, that John Piper, Esquire, be appointed Lieutenant, and that Edward Combes, William Halliday, James Martin, and Robert Culbertson, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the county of Bedford.

Moved and agreed, that Archibald Lochry, Esquire, be appointed Lieutenant; and that Charles Campbell, James Perry, Edward Cook, George Reading and Christopher Hayes, Esq'rs, be appointed Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Westmoreland

An order was drawn in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of one thousand one hundred & ninety pounds, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelper and M'Ilhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations & refreshments, from the 9th of April to the 7th of May last, inclusive.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of George Evans, for the sum of five hundred pounds, for expenses accruing on the Brigade day of Militia.

The resolution of the House altering the Establishment of Companies of Rangers, was also read; Whereupon, the instructions heretofore given were altered, & a copy sent to Mr. Lochry Lieutenant of Westmoreland, agreeable to said resolution.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Samuel Sloan, Esq'r, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, to be by him paid to Archibald Lochry, Esquire, Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland, for raising the Ranging Companies in the said county, for which the said Archibald Lochry is to be accountable.

The law for the greater ease of the Militia, and more speedy and effectual defence of the State, being also considered, the following arrangement was made of Men and officers, Vizt:

	Battal's.	Men.	Com'ys.	Men.	Rem'g.	Capt's.	Lieut's.	Ens's.
Lancaster,	10	160	2	60	40	3	3	3
York,	8	128	2	60	8	2	2	2
Cumberland,	8	128	2	60	8	2	2	2
Berks,	6	96	1	60	36	1	2	2
Northampton,	6	96	1	60	36	1	2	2
Bedford,	4	64	1	60	4	1	1	1
Northumberland,	4	64	1	60	4	1	1	1
Westmoreland,	4	64	1	60	4	1	1	1

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Scott, and
Mr. Hambright, (now first returned from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of five hundred & seventy-three pounds six shillings and three pence, amount of his account for his wages, for his attendance at the door from the first to the 31st day of May last, 31 days at forty dollars, and cash paid by him for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

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An order was drawn in favour of John Lacey, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of one hundred and six pounds twelve shillings and six pence, amount of expences of the Committee of this Board appointed to examine and value the Bridge on the River Schuylkill.

The Petition of Richard Murthwait, a serjeant in the Invalid Regiment, was read, setting forth that he had been fined in the sum of fifty pounds for retailing spirituous, and praying remission of the same. A recommendation from the Colonel & others, officers of the said Regiment, being also read; On consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

The petition of Jehu Roberts, on behalf of himself and his seven sisters, praying the suspension of the sale of the Estate late of John Roberts, deceased, now forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth, was read; and the same was rejected.

The petition of Elinor Cornly, praying this Board to suspend the sale of the estate late belonging to her Husband, Joseph Cornly, an attainted Traitor, was read; and the same was rejected.

General Irvine having signified the following vacancies and promotions,

Resolved, That John Irvine, Esq'r, be appointed Captain, vice Captain Jacob Ashmead, resigned; Lieutenant John Stoy to be Captain Lieutenant, vice John Irwin, Esq'r, promoted; Ensign Jacob M. Dehart, Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant John Stoy, promoted; all the above Commissions to bear date the sixteenth of May last.

A letter from Samuel Rea, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, was read, dated May the 20th last, praying a supply of ammunition.

A Report of the house of Assembly referring the claims of Jehu Ehre and others to this Board; also, a complaint against Jacob Eichelberger and Frederick Eichelberger for Malpractice; also, an authority to this Board, in case of necessity, to declare Martial Law in this State.

A Supercedias issued to Benjamin Weiser and Wilton Atkinson, Esq'rs, Justices of the peace for the County of Northumberland, now under impeachment before this Board.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt, (now first returned
Mr. Scott,	from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Andrew Doz, Commissioner of purchases for the City of Philadelphia, for the sum of five thousand pounds of the money emitted by an Act of the General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia the 26th day of March last, entitled "an Act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, &ca."

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the City and County of Philadelphia, Counties of Chester and Bucks, be directed to proceed immediately on the execution of the Law for the greater ease of the Militia, and the more speedy and effectual defence of this State; that as the Men are provided they be sent to the care of Colonel Nichola; that the Lieutenants inform the Council from time to time of their proceedings; and that the Volunteers be provided in the County with Arms and accoutrements, the same to be brought into the assessment, unless there are these articles of State property to be found within the district; That the Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants be requested to direct the subsistence of the Men untill they reach this City.

The following transcripts of the Records of conviction in the county of Cumberland were read, Vizt:

Benjamin Nugent and James Nugent, convicted of highway Robbery at a Court of Oyerand Terminer & General Goal delivery held at Carlisle, for the County of Cumberland, on the 22nd day of May last, and sentenced by the said Court to be hanged by the Neck untill they are severally dead.

James Roberts, convicted at the said Court of passing counterfeit Money, knowing it to be such, & Sentenced by the said Court to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead.

William Richardson, convicted at the said Court of Felony, and sentenced by the said Court to be hanged by the Neck untill he be dead.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on them—the said Benjamin Nugent, James Nugent and James Roberts—on Saturday the 17th day of June instant, between the hours of Ten of

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the Clock in the forenoon & two of the Clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of Execution.

Ordered, That the Case of William Richardson be referred for farther consideration.

Andrew Doz, Esq'r, appointed Commissioner of purchases under the late act of Assembly, and forty Certificates delivered him.

David Deshler & John Hay, Jun'r, Esq'rs, appointed Commissioners of purchases under the late act of Assembly, and fifty certificates delivered to the former, and forty-eight to the latter.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Scott.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favour of his excellency the President, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of two thousand pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In favour of the Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of three thousand dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he his to account.

In favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of six thousand three hundred & seventy-three pounds ten shillings, amount of money due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the sixth day of May last, to the third day of June instant, and sundry accounts for articles purchased by him for the Expedition down the Bay.

In favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of two hundred and one pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies from the 1st day of May last to the 1st day of June Inst.

A return of Justices of the Peace in Rye Township, in the County of Cumberland, was read, whereby it appears that David English, Jun'r, had forty-nine votes, and Samuel Gowdy sixteen votes; thereupon,

Ordered, That David English, Junior, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of peace for the said County, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

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WHEREAS, In the present state of publick affairs, it may be necessary to make extraordinary exertions for the supply of the Army, and supporting other measures which may be adopted for the safety and security of the state in its freedom and independence, and it will be just & reasonable that, in the execution of such measures, a discrimination sho'd be made between those who have manifested their attachment to their country in the present contest with Great Britain and those of a contrary character; Whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all persons who have shewn their allegiance to the State by taking an oath or affirmation of Fidelity to it, and of their abjuration of the King of Great Britain, to keep their certificates thereof ready to be produced on the shortest Notice; And to all persons who have lost their certificates to obtain duplicates, or to give such assurances so as to obtain certificates, or they may be in danger of losing the indulgence and distinction to which they are justly entitled.

WHEREAS, The residence of the wives & children of those persons who have Joined the enemy, has at all times proved inconvenient to the publick interests, in consequence of the correspondence and intercourse which has been constantly preserved, and as it is now become too dangerous to be longer permitted or connived at:

Resolved, That publick notice be given to such persons, that they depart this State within Ten days, and any of them remaining after that time will not be deemed as entitled to any protection, but liable to be proceeded against as enemies of the State.

Resolved also, That any person bringing from or carrying any letters to New York or other places, in the possession of the emeny, unless the same shall be inspected by some Member of this Board or of the Continental Board of War, or Commissary of Prisoners, and such inspection endorsed on the outside of said letter, be proceeded against as offenders, and that it be recommended to any person discovering such practice, to apprehend the delinquent, and take him or her before any Justice of the peace, who is directed to commit or her to prison 'till the farther order of this Board.

The conviction of Negro Sucky for arson, and Margaret Matthews for Burglary, in the County of Cumberland, being read,

Resolved, That the former stand for father consideration, and that a pardon be granted to the latter, the circumstances appearing to be favourable to the prisoner, and she being particularly recommended as an object of Mercy.

A Letter from Colonel Brodhead, dated the 18th day of May last, was read.

A resolution of the Hon'ble Congress, dated the 1st day of June inst, containing an acknowledgment of the Exertions of this Board, was read, & ordered to be filed.

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A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, containing a resolution of the first of June, 1780, that any supplies furnished beyond the requisition of the 25th day of February last, by any State, should be credited on a future requisition, or in lieu of the like value of other articles, or paid for, with Interest, at the rate of 6 per cent., at the Election of the State, was read and filed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Anderson, for the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-six pounds seven shillings & six pence, agreeable to the following account:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, To William Anderson.

For 2 months and a half services at Mud Island, Vizt: from the 15th day of March last to the 1st day of June, at one hundred pounds per month,	£250		
To provisions purchased for the use of the said Island, - - - - - - -	586	7	6
To Charles Fleming, 2½ months, at £80, - -	200		
To Edward Cochran, do - -	200		
	£1,236	7	6

June 1st, 1780.
Signed, WILLIAM ANDERSON.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Arndt,

Resolved, That the sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia bring Alexander Mills before this Board forthwith, to answer a complaint against him for Maliciously and advisedly discouraging the people from enlisting into the service of this Commonwealth, and endeavouring to prevent the measures carrying on in support of the Freedom and independence of the United States of America.

A return of an election for Justices for Germantown Township, by which it appears that John Howell & Joseph Ferree were elected; Whereupon,

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Resolved, That John Howell, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the peace for the County of Philadelphia, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Board that the Commissioners of Taxes in some counties have mistaken the law imposing the penalty of a double Tax on those who have not made returns of their property, excusing such persons from the penalty, which they ought not to have done; Wherefore,

Resolved, That such Commissioners do proceed on the said Taxes, enforcing the said penalty on the Monthly Taxes, as in the case of the forty-five Million Tax.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Scott.

The following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt: In favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, to be forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland, for recuiting the Company of Rangers, and other purposes, for which sum the s'd Lieutenant is to be accountable.

In favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the sum of four hundred pounds, money advanced by him to James McMahon, Esq'r, Waggon Master of the County of Northumberland, on the 14th day of June, 1778, for paying for the Transportation of the publick stores to the said County, as per receipt.

A petition signed by James Dunn and others, complaining of an irregularity in the election of the Lieutenant Colonel of the eight Battalion of the Militia of Chester County, was read; Whereupon,

Resolved, That this Board will hear the said petitioners at any time they may attend to support their petition, they giving ten days' Notice of the time to the Judges and Inspectors of the election, and that in the meantime the Commission to be granted to the persons returned, subject to the determination of this Board hereafter.

Alexander Mills having been brought before this Board and examined, touching the charge against him, was reprimanded and dismissed, having promised to be more circumspect in future.

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A letter from the Hon'ble Committee of Congress, at Camp, dated the 2d of June, 1780, enumerating sundry demands for the Army the ensuing Campaign, was read, an abstract whereof is as follows, Viz: Five thousand barrels of Flour monthly; One thousand whereof to be delivered at Easton, one thousand at Coryell's Ferry, and remainder at Trenton. One hundred & sixty-six thousand eight hundred and thirty-five pound weight of beef or pork monthly, to be delivered in Philadelphia. Thirty thousand pound weight of Bacon, in three equal monthly parcels, to the last of September; two hundred & twenty five hogsheads of Rum per month, delivered at the Army; Nine thousand one hundred and forty-two bushels of Grain, for forage per month, fifteen hundred of which to be delivered at Easton, fifteen hundred at Coryell's ferry, and the remainder at Trenton: Two hundred and fifty Waggons, with harness compleat, four horses to each, and fifteen hundred Horses without Harness; all these to be attached to the Army, and delivered by the first of July next, to the Quarter Master General; the Beef, Bacon and Horses to be deemed additional to those stated in the act of Congress of the 25th of Nov'r last. Besides which, one hundred & fifty Waggons to be constantly employed for ninety days; besides which, a Body of Militia of three thousand four hundred & sixty-five rank and file to be called out for three months, to rendezvous as the General shall direct.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the Army in linnen and overalls,

Resolved, That Mr. Turnbull be directed to purchase a quantity of suitable linnen to make 2000 shirts, and as many pair of overalls, and receive a draught on the Treasurer to the amount.

A petition of John Swanwick being read,

Resolved, That Mr. Swanwick, being of years of discretion, and at his own disposal, is not included in the resolve of the Board of the 6th instant, and that the other part of his petition cannot be complied with.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Samuel Flack and Joseph Flack, conveying a Messuage or Tenement and two tracts or pieces of land, one of them situate in Warwick Township in the County of Bucks, and bounded as follows, that is to say: beginning at a stone in the line of John Robinson's land, south forty-nine degrees east perches and a half, to a stone in the middle of a road, called Butler's Mill road; thence along the middle of the said road north sixty degrees & a half east nineteen perches and seven-tenths of a perch, to a stone in the middle of another road, called Dyer's road; thence along the middle of the said road north 4 degrees West 20 perches and two-tenths of a perch, to a stone in the line of Adam Kerr's and John Robinson's land; thence by the said John Robinson's land by the the next described tract south forty-three degrees West 32 perches

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and a half to the place of beginning; containing about two acres, be the same within the bounds above described, more or less.

And the other of the said tracts, situate in the Township of New Britain, in the County aforesaid, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a Hickory Sapling, in the line of the last described tract; thence by land of the said John Robinson and of Nathan Preston North forty-nine degrees West 320 perches, to a stone at a corner in the said Nathan Preston's land; thence still by the said Nathan Preston's land south forty-three degrees West 21 perches, to a stone, a corner of William Dungan's land; thence by the same south forty-nine degrees east 320 perches, to a stone, a corner of the first described tract; thence by the said first described Tract North 43 degrees east 21 perches, to the place of beginning; containing about 42 acres, be the same within the said described bounds, more or less, late the estate of Richard Swanwick, Seized and sold agreeable to law, on the 24th day of August last, for the sum of £7,300, to the said Samuel and Joseph Flack, which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents for forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated 8th day June instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Samuel McKinstry, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Hilltown Township, in the County of Bucks, and bounded as follows, that is to say: Beginning at a stone in the line of Thomas Jones's land; thence by land of Benjamin Vastine North 47 degrees West 146 perches and nine-tenths of a perch, to a post, a corner of Jonathan Jones's land; thence by the said Jonathan Jones's land the four following courses & distances, to wit: North 31 degrees and forty-five minutes East 27 perches and four-tenths of a perch; thence north 65 degrees thirty minutes east 29 perches and six-tenths of a perch; thence south 38 degrees fifteen minutes east 34 perches; thence north forty-nine degrees 30 minutes east 99 perches, to Erasmus Kelly's land; thence by the same south forty-six degrees 45 minutes east ninety perches, to a stone at a corner of the aforesaid Thomas Jones's land; thence by the same south 40 degrees West 138 perches, more or less, to the place of beginning; containing about 100 acres and 159 perches of land, be the same within the above described bounds more or less, late the Estate of Edward Jones, seized and sold agreeable to law, on the 24th day of August last, to the said Samuel McKinstry, for the sum of £4,740 consideration money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the 8th day of June instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of 30,000 pounds, for purchasing the enumerated articles for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A petition from the officers and assessors of three upper districts of * * * * * Dock ward, being considered, and the law referred to

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being also examined, The Board are of opinion that the inequality complained of can only be rectified by an alteration of the Law, which is the province of the house of Assembly; and that the representation is worthy the attention of the house, & on which they will doubtless be relieved; but that in the present exigencies of publick affairs, it be recommended to the officers and assessors to proceed as other companies do, and make application to the house at next sessions, equalize the Burthen so as to reimburse the present partial advance.

William Palfrey, Esq'r, Paymaster General, presented to the Council an order of Congress, in the following Words, Vizt:

IN CONGRESS, April 20th, 1780.

Gentlemen:—Please to pay Jonathan Burrall, assistant to William Palfrey, Esquire, paymaster Gen'l, or his order, on account of the said William Palfrey, the sum of 20,000 dollars, part of Monies raised in the State of Pennsylv'a for the use of the United States, to be applied in the department of the said paymaster Gen'l, & for which sum he is to be accountable.

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

To his Excellency the Presid't of the Hon'e the Supreme Ex'e Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylv'a.

Entered in the Auditor General's Office the 22d of April, 1780.

JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. G'l.

The same being read and considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Jonathan Burrall, assistant to William Palfrey, Esq'r, paymaster Gen'l, and the order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words, Vizt:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 9th, 1780.

For 20,000 dollars.

SIR:—Pay to William Palfrey, Esq'r, paymaster General of the Army of the United States, the sum of 20,000 dollars, agreeable to the within order of Congress, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Trea'r.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excell'y the President, to James Little, conveying one moiety or equal half part of a certain lott of ground and three brick Tenements, situate on the east side of Second street, in the district of Southwark, containing

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in front on Second street thirty-six feet, and in depth two hundred feet, Bounded as follows, Vizt: West by Second street, North by Henry Dougherty, East by David Savage & others, and South by William Basset; The whole subject to a ground rent of £3 12, Pennsylvania currency, payable to Francis Garrigues, late the estate of John Bartlett; seized and sold agreeable to law, to the said James Little, for the sum of £1,100 consideration money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the 8th day of June instant.

A petition was read signed by sundry Gentlemen heretofore officers in the Continental service, praying leave to form themselves into a separate Independent Corps, for the publick service; and also to add such Gentlemen as may incline to enter said Corps on the establishm't set forth in the said petition; and after some time spent thereon, it was referred, that the members may have time to inform themselves what probable effects it will have on the Militia; and also for farther consideration.

The Council taking into consideration the letter from the Hon'e Committee of Congress at camp calling upon this State in the most pressing terms, for specific supplies, as also the resolution of the Gen'l Assembly of the first instant, authorizing this Board to declare martial law in case of necessity; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued in the following words, Vizt:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon'e house of Assembly in their last Session, duly sensible of the exigencies of War and the necessity of sudden and extraordinary exertions in times of special difficulty and danger, did vest in this Council a power to declare Martial law, for such purposes and so far as the same might be conducive to the publick security, and the safety and defence of the good and faithfull Citizens of this Commonwealth:

And Whereas, Since the passing the said resolution, the Hon'be Committee of Congress, now with the Army, and his Excell'y the Commander-in-Chief, have in the most pressing and cogent terms represented the absolute necessity of procuring certain enumerated supplies for the Army, in so short a space of time that the usual and ordinary forms must be dispensed with, or the requisition remain unexecuted, and the late offensive movement of the enemy, of which certain intelligence has been just received, admits of no delay in procuring a number of horses and Waggons, to be forwarded with all expedition to Camp:

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And whereas, The indiscriminate admission of all strangers into this City without examination or enquiry, enables our artful and inveterate enemy to introduce their spies and emissaries, distribute their counterfeit money, and by such like practices defeat the best designs for the publick welfare, and can no longer, with a due regard to our own safety, be permitted or connived at; for the preventing whereof, we have thought proper to direct an office of enquiry to be opened, and Commissioners to be appointed, with power and authority to apprehend all suspicious persons, and take such other measures as the publick safety may require: Wherefore, for the purposes aforesaid and no farther at present, we have thought proper, and do hereby declare Martial law, authorizing and requiring the persons by us to be appointed, to proceed as they may be specially directed from time to time, to execute the purposes aforesaid, for all which, this our Proclamation shall be their sufficient Warrant and authority. And we do in like manner require all Officers, Civil and Military, and all other the faithful inhabitants of this Commonwealth, to aid & assist them therein, as they tender their own welfare and safety, and as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1780.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—T'y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Scott.

Philip Bahl having resigned his office of Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Northampton,

Resolved, That John Hayes, Jun'r, Esquire, be appointed in his stead, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Petition of John Coogler, now in custody as a disaffected person, being read and considered,

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Resolved, That he and his wife be released, on the following conditions, Vizt: that they give security for their good behaviour, John Coogler for himself and wife in thirty thousand pounds, & two sureties in fifteen thousand pounds each, that they enter into security not to keep a Ferry themselves, and pay all charges which have attended their arrest & commitment.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of £2,000, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of £100,000, for purchasing linnen for making shirts and overalls for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Allen Cathcart, for the sum of £4,488 7 6, amount of his account for work done on board the Sloop Speedwell, belonging to this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Jones and Ash, for the sum of £6,312, for six Bullocks purchased agreeable to the late order of this Board, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores for this State, do deliver to William Campbell, of the County of Westmoreland, six hundred weight of Powder, six hundred weight of Lead, & three thousand Flints, to be forwarded to Archibald Lockrey, Esq'r, Lieuten't of Westmoreland County, for the use of the Militia of the s'd County.

The petition of Captain William Barber being resumed, and Captain Weeks having attested the truth of the facts by him set forth,

Resolved, That the Commissary of prisoners permit Mr. Barber to remain here, discharged from his parole, taking the oath of allegiance to this State.

Mr. Mitchell, Deputy Quarter Master Gen'l, paid in seven hundred pounds, one month's rent of the Ferry at Schuylkill.

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The Board taking into consideration the arrears of Militia fines under the former law, in the county of Lancaster, and the necessity of a speedy and regular collection,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant do, in pursuance of the act of Assembly, authorize and empower Adam Ort, of Lebanon Township, to collect all the outstanding fines and forfeitures in the said county; and that the former Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants do, as the law directs, deliver to the present Lieutenant an account, on oath, of all monies uncollected and outstanding on account of fines and forfeitures, in order that the said Adam Ort may be fully instructed in the premises; And it is also

Resolved, That the said Adam Ort be entitled to a commission of ten per cent. for his trouble on all Monies paid in by him to the Treasurer pursuant hereto, in lieu of all other charges.

Resolved, That Colonel Davis, deputy quarter master General at Carlisle, or his deputies, be requested to provide Horses for the transportation of the ammunition ordered this Morning to Westmoreland county.

A letter from Governor Livingston, dated Trenton, the 11th day of June instant, informing of the progress of the Enemy, and that re-inforcements were wanting, thereupon praying the aid of the Militia of this State, was read; soon after Messrs. Armstrong, Searle & Matlack, delegates of this State, attending with other letters on the same subject,

Resolved, That four classes of the Militia of the city and county of Philadelphia, and the counties of Bucks and Chester, be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march to the support of the Continental Army, if farther advice should make it necessary.

A letter from Mrs. Ferguson, praying indulgence to stay in the country, notwithstanding the late resolve, was read, and laid over for consideration.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.

A petition in favour of the Nugents, under sentence of death at Carlisle, was read and rejected.

An attestation by Doctor McIlvane, that the health of Mrs. Sarah Allen did not admit her travelling without immediate and manifest danger of her life, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That she be indulged with a farther delay.

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A petition by sundry Officers, Prisoners on long Island, praying their rank may be preserved to them, was read and filed.

Information being given that Mr. Tench Francis could inform the Board of sundry frauds & abuses in the Transportation of publick stores to Trenton; and the said Mr. Francis attending, pursuant to notice, he was sworn to answer such questions as should be put to him thereupon; and after some time spent, the farther consideration thereof was postponed until this afternoon at six o'clock.

Ordered, That passes be granted to the following named persons to go into the City of New York, agreeable to the order of this Board of the sixth instant, Vizt: Mary Ferguson, Ann Kirk, Sarah Hopkins, Mary Arnold, Elizabeth Loosely, Jane Gallagher & Rachel Sanders.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Scott.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £3000, in part of his salary, & place the same to his account.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Steyner and Cist, Printers, Vizt: one of them for the sum of £58 5 9, and the other for the sum of £225 for printing work done for the Council.

William Richards attending according to order, was examined touching sundry frauds in the Quarter Master's department, and dismissed; after which a Warrant issued to apprehend James Sutter, Superintendant of the Transportation on Delaware.

Two letters, dated the 12th instant, from the Committee of Congress at Camp, enclosing letters from Gen'l Washington, pressing in earnest terms the forwarding recruits, &ca., were read, and Letters in consequence wrote to the Lieutenants.

The Board taking into consideration the very interesting and critical State of the Army under the Command of his Excellency Gen'l Washington, & being deeply sensible of the necessity of calling the attention of the people to the publick safety, and procuring immediate supplies of Men, ammunition and provisions, Do hereby lay an Embargo on all outward bound Vessels except such as are in the immediate service of the subjects of his most Christian Majesty, who will on application receive special permission.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice Presid't.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Arndt, and

WHEREAS, The regular and punctual collection of the fines for neglect of Militia duty is not only indispensibly necessary to encourage the brave and well affected to turn out in the service of their country, but as a present fund to defray certain unavoidable expences which attend actual cervices. The several Captains or commanding Officers of companies are therefore hereby required, agreeable to law, to make an immediate return of all delinquents on the several Muster days, to the Lieutenants, Colonels, or commanding Officers, who, together with the Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants, are directed to proceed immediately to the recovery thereof, as by law directed.

A representation by the Justices in favour of William Vanociver, convicted of Larceny, was read, recommending him to the Mercy of this Board; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the corporal punishment directed by the judgment of the Court be remitted, and the Prisoner dismissed, on payment of the fines and charges; provided the said William Vanociver shall enter as a soldier in the Continental service, under the late Act of Assembly.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favour of Timothy Matlack, Esq'r, for the sum of £1000, in part of his salary as Secretary of this Board, for which he is to account.

In favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of £1,500, in part of his salary; the same to be placed to his account.

In favour of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of £225 9 9, to be by him paid to Mr. Andrew Linn, Waggon Master of the county of Westmoreland, for services performed by him under the Waggon Law of this State.

The Board taking into consideration the proposals made by Mr. Ryan,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia be authorized to engage him as Inspector of the Militia of this State; and that he be allowed ten shillings per day, or the exchange in full of rations and forage, while on duty in the State. But that in case his service is required in the field, rations and forage be allowed

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equal to his rank, and seven shillings and six pence per day, as above. That as the Militia, when not in actual service, cannot be expected to meet for instruction frequently, the days of duty shall be fixed certainly at one hundred & four, and if Mr. Ryan is called to farther State service, he be permitted to charge at the above rate.

Resolved, That Mr. Ryan have the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Militia, and that Colonel Henry report to this Board the result.

The Board taking into consideration the several letters received from his Excellency General Washington and from the Hon'be the Committee of Congress at Camp, advising of the movement of the enemy, and their probable intentions to penetrate the Country,

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the city and county of Philadelphia, and counties of Bucks and Chester, do give positive and peremptory orders to the officers to collect all the publick arms and accoutrements, and make returns. That no arms fit for service be suffered to remain in the hands of the disaffected on any pretence, but the same be taken by virtue hereof, agreeable to the powers lodged in this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Wade, for the sum of £1450, amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Schooner Delaware, for services performed from the 14th of May last to the Eleventh day of June instant, inclusive.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mess'rs Hamlett and Wood, for the sum of five hundred and ten pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, amount of their account for Smith's work done for the Sloop Speedwell, in the service of this State.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Scott.

The petition of sundry officers, lately presented, was again taken up; Whereupon,

Resolved, That this Board are highly sensible of the spirit and patriotism shown by the Gentlemen on this occasion; But that it appears the Board is not by law vested with power to dispence with the Militia law, so as to excuse those Gentlemen from their fines, which, in case of their actual service in the field, would be reason-

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ably expected; and that there is also reason to fear, if the powers of the Board did admit such Establishment, it would occasion Jealousies & discontents dangerous to the Militia service: That this Board are also of opinion, a contrary determination would be inconsistent with that of the Legislature, in as much as a clause exempting Officers who had served one year in the Continental service, was in the law as published for consideration, but omitted in the act after debate; and that a petition of similar nature was also laid before the Assembly at their late session, but not granted.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt: In favour of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of £100, for his late services in the county of Chester.

In favour of Frederick A. Muhlenberg, Esq'r, for the sum of 8000 dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

In favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of £10,000, for the use of his department, for which he is to account.

An attestation by Doctor Redman, that the health of Mrs. Sarah Coxe did not admit her travelling without immediate and manifest danger of her life, was read; And on consideration,

Resolved, That she be indulged with a farther day, to wit: the 3d of July next.

The Board taking into consideration the appointment of a Waggon Master for the county of York, the following persons were recommended: John Eddy, James Dill, Frank Jones, and Baltzer Spangler; and the same was referred for further consideration and information.

Joseph Alexander, lately commissioned to be a Lieutenant of a Company of Rangers in Northumberland county, having resigned his commission,

Resolved, That John Faulkner, Esq'r, be appointed in his stead.

The Petition of David Dawson, attainted as a Traitor, and also confined for passing counterfeit money, being read, was dismissed.

The petition of Danial Zieber, convicted at the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Lancaster county for passing Counterfeit money, being read, together with the record of conviction, and the recommendation of the Judges of the Supreme Court in his favour,

Resolved, That he be pardoned.

The petition of William Richardson, convicted at a Court of Oyer Terminer, lately held at Carlisle, of passing counterfeit money, being read, and the Court having recommended him for Mercy,

Resolved, That he be pardoned, on condition that he enter into the Continental Army without a bounty, to serve during the War, and that he give security by two reputable Freeholders, in ten thousand pounds each, for his coming up to Philadelphia, and de-

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livering himself to Colonel Nichola at the Barracks in Philadelphia, by the first of July, in which the pardon to be effectual, & he released from his confinement.

The petition of Benjamin Rue, to form an independent company of Artillery, was read and dismissed, for the reasons assigned in the officer's petition, also considered this day.

Ordered, That passes to go into the city of New York be granted to the following persons, agreeable to the order of this Board of the sixth instant, Vizt: Hannah Fairland, Sarah Knight, Margaret Fowler, Catherine Ferguson, Jane Boswell, Mary Scandlen, Elinor Jauncy, Ann Eve, Margaret Delaney, and Sarah Gill.

Ordered, That John Allen & James Terrans, Esquires, be appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the peace for the county of Westmoreland.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Scott.
Mr. Hambright, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'be Thomas Scott, for the sum of £300, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Nathaniel Browne, for £337 10, amount of his account for overseeing the replacing the Bridge on the River Schuylkill.

Resolved, That for special reasons appearing to this Board, the sale of Lot No. 8 of the Durham tract, and of the plantation of Tho's West, be postponed untill farther enquiry can be made & order given.

A letter from John Chambers, Esq'r, Sub Lieutenant of Northampton county, (and acting for Colonel Rea during his sickness,) requesting Arms and ammunition for the voluntary company.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Hambright be desired to direct Captain Stiles to furnish as many rifles as he can; and in case there are none to be procured, that he send fifty Musquets, one hundred weight of powder, four hundred weight of lead, & six hundred Flints.

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Resolved, That as an encouragment to the volunteers to furnish their own arms, every one be allowed 40 dollars for the use of them; that an appraisement be made, as the Lieutenant shall direct, to be paid in case of loss in Battle or unavoidable accident.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson, (now first returned from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Andrew Dox, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for £5000 of the money emitted in pursuance of an act of Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, entitled "An Act for raising the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, &ca."

An order to Captain Isaac Roach, for the sum of 4000 dollars, for apprehending Thomas James, John Robinson, John Farris, and William Han, four refugees from New York, taken in Delaware Bay, agreeable to the late order of this Board.

A letter was read from his Excellency General Washington, dated the sixteenth instant, requesting that the light horse of this City be ordered to proceed to camp with all possible expedition.

A letter from Colonel Clement Biddle, Forage master, requesting the aid of this State in his department.

A letter from Colonel Marsteller, dated the 16th inst't, respecting the purchase of cattle, was read, and an order was drawn in his favour for the sum of six thousand three hundred & seventy-two pounds ten shillings, for the purpose aforesaid.

A letter from Christopher Kucher, recommend'g Adam Orth to collect the outstanding fines on the Militia law, and inclosing a list of the officers of his Battalion.

A letter from the Hon'be Board of Admiralty Congress, praying that two or three armed Boats of this State may attend the Mercury Packett ordered to cruise in the bay of Delaware.

Resolved, That the same be complied with, and that Captain Boys do furnish two of the best of said Boats for said purpose. The Captain of the Mercury, it is expected, will return the same in good condition, accidents only excepted.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the 16th instant, renewing his application for Men and supplies.

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Resolved, That a commission be made out for Michael Ryan, Esquire, to be Inspector General of the Militia of this State, with the rank of a Lieut't Colonel.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright.

Ordered, That a special commission be granted to Joseph Jaquies, Esquire, to justify him in repelling and making reprisals on the enemy with an armed Whale Boat called the Hell-Cat, but not to authorise him, or any officers under him, to claim any of the advantages or Emoluments allowed by Act of the General Assembly, to the officers and privates in the Naval service of this State.

The conviction of John Lemons & Andrew Connor for Horse stealing, being laid before the Board, and it appearing they had suffered corporal punishment,

Resolved, That their fines be remitted, and that they be delivered to their proper officers, they appearing to be deserters from the Continental Army.

There being a vacancy in the office of Waggon Master in the county of York; thereupon,

Resolved, That Major James Chamberlaine be appointed Waggon Master of the county of York.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Mercer, for the sum of £1197 10, for paying for cattle purchased by him as commissioner of purchases in the county of Lancaster, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the first of June instant; for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Crozer for the sum of 6000 dollars, in part of a certificate for five head of cattle purchased by John Crosby, Jun'r, Commissioner of purchases in the county of Chester, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first of June instant.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Presid't.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Hambright, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Nicholas Lutz, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Berks, for the sum of £1000 for expenses in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of assembly, passed the first of June inst., for which he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington, dated June the 19th, was read, requesting an immediate supply of 250 Waggons; those from Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester, to proceed immediately to Trenton to the direction of Moore Furman, Esquire; those procured in the upper counties to take in loads of Flour, & proceed by way of Easton to the North river. The said letter also contained a very alarming and distressing account of the state of the Army for want of Teams; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said requisition be complied with, and that orders do issue accordingly to the several Waggon Masters of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Berks and Northampton counties, and that they be directed to exert themselves in the most vigorous manner to comply with the said resolution, in the following proportions, Viz't:

Philad'a county,	20	Waggons.		Lancaster,	80	Waggons.
Bucks	do.	30	do.	Berks,	40	do.
Chester	do.	40	do.	Northampton,	30	do.

Resolved, That in case of difficulty or delay in making up the said Teams, the said Waggon Masters and their deputies do apply to any officer of the Militia for their assistance, and that they impress any Horses, Waggons or Gears, distinguishing between such as have taken the oaths or affirmations of allegiance, and those who have not, and saving always to every plantation, at least two working Horses; That the said Horses, Waggons and Gears, be appraised on oath, by two persons to be appointed as the Waggon law directs, and a certificate given.

That the Waggon Master do also, within one Month, make a true return to this Board of all Horses, Waggons and Gears so taken, and also the prices affixed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Augustine Willett, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Bucks, for 2000 dollars, for expenses in purchasing cattle for the use of the

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Army, agreeable to an act of Assembly, passed the first of June instant, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Robert Good, Esq'r, be appointed as Sub-Lieutenant in the county of Lancaster, in the room of Mr. Carpenter, who has resigned, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 22nd, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'be WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Isaac Sorrell, for the sum of £112 10 of the money emitted pursuant to an Act of Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, in part of a certificate for Eleven cattle, purchased by Messrs. Bull and Armstrong for the use of the Army, agreeable to an act of Assembly, passed the first of June instant.

Charles Petitt, Esq'r, presented to the Council an order of Congress in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, April 24th, 1780.

200,000 dol's.

Gentlemen:—Pay to Charles Petitt, Esquire, Assistant Quarter Master General, or his order, the sum of 200,000 dollars, on account of Major General Green, Quarter Master Gen'l, part of the monies raised in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to be applied in the department of the said Quarter Master Gen'l, & for which he is to be accountable.

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

To his Excellency the President and the Hon'be the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Entered in the Auditor Gen'ls Office, the 27th of April, 1780.

JAMES MILLIGAN, A. Gen'l.

Although the state of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this order, yet as Colonel Pettit agrees to receive the money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Charles Pettit, Esq'r, and that the

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order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words, to wit:

IN COUNCIL, Philad'a, Thursday, June 22d, 1780.

200,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to Charles Pettit, Esq'r, Assistant Quarter Master Gen'l, or his order, the sum of 200,000 dollars, agreeable to the within draft of Congress, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treas'r.

Charles Pettit, Esq'r, presented to the Council one other order of Congress in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, June 17th, 1780.

For 250,000 dollars.

Gentlemen:—Pay to Charles Pettit, Esq'r, Assistant Quarter Master Gen'l, or his order, the sum of 250,000 dollars, on account of Nathaniel Greene, Esq'r, Quarter Master General, (part of the Monies raised in the Commonwealth of Pennsylv'a for the use of the United States,) to enable John Davis, Esq'r, Deputy Quarter Master Gen'l, to comply with certain contracts, and for which the said Nathaniel Greene is to be accountable.

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, Presid't.

To His Excellency the President & the Hon'ble the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Entered in the Auditor Genl's Office, June 19th, 1780.

JAMES MILLIGAN, A. Gen'l.

Although the state of the Treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this order, yet as Colonel Pettit agrees to receive the money as it shall come into the Treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of Charles Pettit, Esq'r, and that the order for so doing be endorsed in the following words, to wit:

IN COUNCIL, Philad'a, Thursday, June 22d, 1780.

For 250,000 dollars.

Sir:—Pay to Charles Pettit, Esq'r, Assistant Quarter Master General, or his order, the sum of 250,000 dollars, agreeable to the within draft of Congress, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Board that the sailors belonging to Ships in the service of his most Christian Majesty or his sub-

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jects, frequently desert and go on board American Vessels in this port, or travel to other ports, to the great Injury of the service & loss of their Employers; For remedy whereof,

Resolved, That the Sheriff and Constables in a special manner, and all other Subjects of this State generally, be directed, and they are hereby directed to examine all French Sailors whom they may find in this city, except on ship board, or travelling in any part of this State; and in case they are found without passes from their respective Captains, to apprehend and send them to prison, or otherwise secure them, untill notice be given to the Consul or vice Consul of his most Christian Majesty, residing in this city, who will take order thereon.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'be John Hambright, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,000, in part of his salary as a member of this board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, June 23d, 1780, Friday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'be WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £2000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of Eleven hundred and ninety pounds, amount of money due to Colonel Nichola, Captains M'Ilhatton and Woelpper, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood & Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the 8th day of May last to the fourth day of June instant.

A letter from Colonel Brodhead, dated the 4th day of June instant, was read and filed.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia do apprehend Jemima Forrester, alias Biles, the wife of a Refugee at New York, & deliver her to the keeper of the Workhouse of this City, there to remain, till she give security to leave the State, and not to return again.

Andrew Doz, Esq'r, having resigned his office of Commissioner of purchases for this City, Capt'n John Hazlewood is appointed in his stead.

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A letter was read from Continental Navy Board, praying direction to the auctioneer to sell four Negro slaves, the property of the Continent.

Resolved, That the same be complied with; but as two of the Negroes mentioned have claimed their Freedom before this Board, nothing herein contained to be deemed as conveying any right by virtue of such authority in point of property.

A letter from General Knox was read, praying that the 250 Waggons requested by the General may be forwarded with all dispatch.

Also, a letter from the President of Congress, dated the 21st instant, inclosing a request to this State, among others, to be informed what measures have been taken in consequence of the following resolutions, Vizt:

"1779, March 9th, Recommendation to the States to compleat "their respective Quotas of the eighty Battalions.

"May 21st, United States called on for a Tax of forty-five mil- "lions, in addition to what was called for the 2d of January, to be "paid by the first of January next.

"Septem'r 13th, Circular letter, among other things stating the "necessity of paying into the Continental Treasury the monies "called for, and of adopting measures to bring their respective "quotas of Troops into the field early next campaign, and provide "the supplies necessary in the course of it.

"October 6 & 7, United States to collect and pay into the Con- "tinental Treasury their respective Quotas of fifteen millions of "dollars monthly, from Jan'y, inclusive, to October.

"October 9th, Circular letter, urging the necessity of a punctual "payment of the Quotas.

"December 11th, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, "New Jersey and Connecticut, certain Quantities of flour and corn "by the first of April.

"1780, February 9th, United States to furnish their respective "deficiencies of 35,211 Men, on or before the first of April.

"25th, United States to furnish their respective Quotas of spe- "cifick supplies mentioned.

"March 18th, Sundry resolutions for calling in the Bills in "circulation, and emitting new Bills on certain funds.

"May 19th, The States from New Hampshire to Virginia, inclu- "sive, to pay into the Continental Treasury Ten Millions of dol- "lars in thirty days.

"20th, The United States to forward their Quotas of Troops to "join the Continental Army."

A letter from Don Francisco Rendon, was read, praying permission for a vessel to sail with dispatches to the Havannah.

Resolved, That the same be granted to the Schooner Stephen, Captain Vicar.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, June 24th, 1780, Saturday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Hambright, &

The Petition of David Breckley and Stephen Sulgar, convicted of an assault and battery at the last County Court, was read, setting forth their enlistment as Pennsylvania Volunteers, praying a remission of their fines. An attested copy of said sentence and recommendation by the Justices, were also read; Whereupon,

Resolved, That said fines be remitted, provided the s'd Breckley and Sulgar do proceed on the said service.

The Board taking into consideration the difficulties arising in in the collection of the Taxes from the different kinds of Money in circulation, directed the following letter to the several Treasurers of counties, to wit:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, June 23d, 1780.

"SIR:—The Board having taken into consideration the difficul-"ties which have occurred in the collection of Taxes, from the "various kinds of Money in circulation, have thought proper to "direct that gold and silver, & the Money issued by the late act of "Assembly, passed at Philadelphia the 25th of March last, usually "called State money, be received in payment of Taxes, at the rate "of sixty Continental dollars for one Spanish milled dollar, or of the "State money, of which you'l please to give notice to the respec-"tive Collectors and Treasurers. At the same time, for obvious "reasons, you will direct them to pay the same money received by "them to you, without suffering any change in their hands."

Mr. Turnbull having acquainted the Board with an opportunity of purchasing a quantity of linnens, to be paid for one half in Bills on Spain, and the other half in Continental money, at the current exchange.

Resolved, That the bargain be closed; and a letter was wrote accordingly.

A letter was received from the President of Congress, enclosing sundry resolutions respecting the giving out Comissions for capture, which was ordered to be filed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Wilson, for the sum of four thousand pounds, to be by him paid to William M'Calla, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Bucks, for expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to the act of assembly, passed the first of June instant.

A letter from the Hon'be Council of Massachusetts Bay, dated June the 9th, 1780, was read, informing this Board that Samuel Chapman, an attainted Traitor in this State, lately captured at sea and carried into that State, was closely confined, untill a proper opportunity should offer to send him hither.

A letter from Colonel Nichola, dated this day, was read, informing the Board that forty-two Recruits were sent forward to Camp; eighty-one remain.

Petition of Martha Johnston, convicted of Larceny and praying remission of her fine, was read, together with a recommendation.

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A letter from his Excellency Governor Lee, of Maryland, dated June the 23d, respecting the Embargo, was read.

A letter from the Hon'be Committee of Congress at Camp, dated the 23d instant, inclosing a letter from the Commander in Chief of the same date, renewing their applications for Recruits and Teams, was read & ordered to be filed.

A letter from Colonel Piper, dated the 3d instant, informing,

First of Captain Burd's resignation of his Commission.

Second, Of the Indian Incursions.

Third, The receipt of the Money sent him.

A letter from General Knox, requesting a supply of State money to be sent to John Oliver, Esq'r, at Bristol, to pay for Teams, and referring to a letter not received.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Lacey, (now first
Mr. Hambright,	returned.)

Phineas Paxton, of Bucks county, having appeared before this Board, charged with aiding British Prisoners in their escape, and due enquiry having been made into the circumstances and character of the said Phineas Paxton, it appears that he keeps a publick house on the road to Newtown; That he joined the enemy in this city, and has, in his general conduct and character, manifested a disaffection to the American cause, & there is reason to suspect him to be privy to the escape of British Prisoners; Whereupon,

Resolved, That he be no longer permitted to keep Publick house; That he give security for his good behaviour before some Justice of the Supreme Court, himself in £20,000, and his securities in £10,000 each, for his good behaviour during the War, & stand committed to the Prison of this City 'till he comply with this resolve.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Edward Siminson, for the sum of £13,600, to be by him paid to Colonel John Hannum, Commissioner of purchases in the county of Chester, for purchasing cattle for the use of the Army, and for sundry expenses accruing thereon, agreeable to an Act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June instant.

An order was drawn in favor of Gideon Gilpin, for the sum of £2,400, for six cattle purchased by the said John Hannum, agreeable to the said act.

An order was drawn in favour of James Hannum, for the sum of £2,000, for five cattle purchased by the said John Hannum, agreeable to the said act.

An order was drawn in favor of Israel Gilpin, for the sum of £700, for twenty sheep purchased by the said John Hannum, agreeable to the said act.

An order was drawn in favour of Caleb Phyle, for the sum of £1,240, for five cattle purchased by the said John Hannum, agreeable to the act aforesaid.

A representation having been made to this Board that the Lots contiguous to the publick Wharf on Sassafrass or Race street, are necessary for the accommodation of the city as a public landing,

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and that the inhabitants intend to apply to the Hon'ble house of Assembly at their next sessions for a grant thereof.

Resolved, That the Agents for confiscated estates be directed to postpone the sale of the said lots untill after the next meeting of the Assembly, or the farther order of this Board.

The Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia having complained that one John Dover, charged with a Militia fine of £160, had threatened the life of the Collector, & used divers violent speeches against publick authority,

Resolved, That a warrant issue to apprehend said Dover and bring him before this Board forthwith.

A letter from the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, inclosing a passport from the Governor of Havanna for Gregory West, a British prisoner, to pass to New York, and praying a passport from this Board, was read; and

Resolved, That the same be complied with.

Two letters from Mr. Holker, agent of Marine of France, dated 26th instant, thanking this Board for their resolve of the 22d instant; and another praying the return of Mr. Turnbull, now gone out with the light Horse,

Ordered, For farther consideration.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

The Board taking into consideration the expediency of proceeding in the fortifications at Mud Island,

Resolved, That Major William Armstrong do immediately hire a number of Labourers for the said purpose, repair the banks, and finish the parapet, so as to enclose the whole, & form a compleat Redoubt; that a sum of money issue immediately for this purpose; and that the Vice President and Docter Gardner be a committee to agree with Major Armstrong upon a compensation for his service on this occasion.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £6000, for paying the workmen employed at the Fortifications on the Delaware, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Bull, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Philadelphia,

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for the sum of £600, of the Money emitted pursuant to an act of Assembly, passed the twenty-fifth of March last, for procuring supplies of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army, for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Bull, Esq'r, for the sum of £6000, for paying for the transportation of supplies of provisions and other necessaries purchased by him for the use of the Army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Hutchinson, Esq'r, for the sum of £167 8, amount of sundry accounts for necessaries for the sick in the Pennsylvania Hospital, and advanced by him in the year 1779.

Phineas Paxton, Abner Buckman & James Winder, appeared before the Board and entered into Recognizance, agreeable to the resolve of yesterday; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Phineas Paxton be discharged, paying his fees.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the 22d and 23d instant, inclosing sundry papers, Vizt:

First. A letter from General Washington, dated the 20th day of June, 1780. 1st. Urging for information from the States with respect to the supplies to be furnished of men and provisions. Secondly. The destitute state of the Troops for want of shirts and overalls, and officers' cloathing.

Second. A resolve founded upon the above letter urging the forwarding of supplies of Men and provisions, and also an account of the proceedings of the States on former requisitions.

Third. A resolve of Congress, dated 21st instant, requesting the States explicitly, and without the least delay, to inform Congress how far they may rely upon their furnishing the several supplies of Men, money and provisions, called for by Congress or their committee of Head Quarters; And also, how far their executive powers are authorized to act, so as to draw out the resources of the State; and that the Executive Magistrate be requested to correspond weekly with the Committee of Congress at Camp, advising of the steps taken in pursuance of the above recited requisitions of Congress and their Committee.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright.

A letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington, dated the 25th day of June instant, informing the Board that the Enemy had evacuated New Jersey, with sundry other particulars, being read, and the circumstances under which the embargo was lately imposed, having materially changed.

Resolved, That the port be again opened, and the Naval officer clear out vessels as usual, having a due regard to the Law prohibiting the exportation of provisions, which it is indispensibly necessary to observe.

Application having been made by Peter Whiteside and company for leave to sell twenty-nine casks of Nails by publick auction, the same being damaged on the voyage,

Resolved, That the leave be given for this purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Steiner and Cist, for the sum of £200, for printing work done for the Council.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military stores, deliver to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of Bucks county, five hundred weight of Powder, and five hundred weight of Lead, for the use of the Militia of the said county.

John Dover, of Germantown, having appeared before the Council, agreeable to the resolution of this Board of the 27th instant, and the facts therein set forth appearing to be well founded,

Resolved, That he give security for his good behaviour before Plunkett Fleeson, Esq'r, or some other Justice of the peace for the city or county of Philadelphia, himself in twenty thousand pounds, and his securities in ten thousand pounds each, for his good behaviour during the present War, and stand committed to the Prison of this city 'till he comply with this resolve, and pay all expences hereon accruing.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Timothy Matlack, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A transcript of the Record of conviction of Robert Smith and John Smith, convicted of the Murder of William Boyd, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at the Borough of Chester, for the county of Chester, the 26th day of June instant, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by their Necks untill they be dead, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That execution of the said sentence be made and done upon them, the said Robert Smith and John Smith, on Saturday the first day of July next, between the hours of ten of the clock of the forenoon & two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of Execution, & a Warrant was issued accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, July 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Follwell, for the sum of £1500, in part of a certificate for cattle purchased by Thomas Craig, Commissioner of purchases, for the county of Bucks, for the use of the army, pursuant to an act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Britain, for the sum of 12,882 dollars & sixty ninetieths, for Nine cattle, purchased by William McCalla, Esq'r, (Commissioner of purchases for the county of Bucks,) for the use of the Army, pursuant to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £738 10, amo't of his account for his wages from the first to the 30th of June last, at 40 dollars per day, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for the sum of £2,000 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, July 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honb'e the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Martin Bowman, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Lancaster, for £2,177 12 6, for expences in purchasing cattle and sheep for the use of the army, agreeable to the act of Assembly passed the 1st of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Emmick, for the sum of £1,359 2, to be by him paid to Messrs. Cook and Mercer, Commissioners of purchases for the county of Lancaster, for expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £20,000, for purchasing Linnen for Shirts and overalls for the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of £201 7 6, amount of pay due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies from the first day of June last to the first of July instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for £6,175 0 10, amo't of money due to the Officers and Men of the Gallies in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the 3d day of June last to the first day of July instant, and amount of sundry Bills of expences.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, July 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honb'e the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright.

A representation of the Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia that persons resident in the city, and who had paid their assessment for the hire of volunteers within the district where they lived were again rated in other places to which they occasionally go; Whereupon, this Board having taken the law into consideration,

Resolved, That it appears thereby that the expences attending such service are only leviable "*on Taxable inhabitants residing within the limits of the company;*" and that, therefore, it is not consistent, either with the spirit or letter of the Law, to repeat the assessment on persons who paid in consequence of their being taxable residents in other places.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honb'e Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,200, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honb'e James Thompson, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,000, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, John Dover was elected Lieutenant of the Troop of Horse at Germantown, but complaint having been made to this Board that he had been guilty of threatening the lives of the collectors of the Militia fines, and other violent and disorderly practices; Whereupon, the commission of the said Dover was delayed untill farther enquiry could be made; and the said Dover having been brought before the Board, and the said charge being in substance confessed, so that he was bound in securities for his future good behaviour:

Resolved, That it is not consistent with the honour or safety of the State, to grant a commission to a person under such circumstances, but that the said Troop do proceed, agreeable to law, to the choice of another person as Lieutenant of the said Troop, that he may be commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That Michael Croll, Esq'r, be appointed a Sub-Lieutenant for the county of Philadelphia, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

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The following Proclamation being read and considered, *Ordered*, That the same be published, Vizt:

A PROCLAMATION.

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The Honb'e House of Assembly did, in their late Sessions, pass an act entitled "An Act for procuring an immediate supply of provisions for the Fœderal army in its present exigency," by which Commissioners were appointed in several counties within this State to procure Cattle, Sheep, and salted provisions, with all possible dispatch, and it was declared by the same act that it should be lawfull for the President or Vice President, in Council, by Proclamation, to suspend the several powers and authorities therein granted, when the circumstances of the army should, in their judgment, admit thereof.

And Whereas, The supplies of the above articles are now sufficiently ample to Justify the suspension of the said purchases, and all farther proceedings under the said act at this time; Whereupon, in pursuance of the powers vested in us, We have thought proper to issue this our proclamation, for the purposes aforesaid, to which the said Commissioners, and all others concerned, are required to conform & govern themselves accordingly; and we do farther require the said Commissioners, with all convenient speed, to make report of their several purchases by them made, under the said act, and to return to the Secretary of our Supreme Executive Council the ungranted certificates remaining in their hands.

Given by order of Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—T'Y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, July 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honb'e the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hambright.

Application being made by Mr. Physick to prolong the time of delivering up the books belonging to the late office of Receiver Gen'l; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the time of delivery which, by a former resolve, expired this day, be prolonged to the 5th of August next, at which time it is expected that said Books be delivered to the Secretary of this Board.

James Searle, Esq'r, appointed a delegate in Congress the twentieth of November, 1778.

His pay from November 20th, 1778, to the 5th of April, 1779, is 135 days, at £5, - - - - -	£675
From April the 5th, 1779, to the 27th of November following, is 231 days, at £9, - - - - -	2,079
From November 27th, 1779, to May 30th following, is 182 days, at £22 .10, - - - - -	4,095
From May 30th to July 15th, 45 days, at £60, -	2,700
	9,549
By cash received at sundry times, amount to 24,000 dollars - - - - - - - -	9,000
Ballance due J. S., - - - - -	549

A Memorial from the Judge of the Admiralty, stating that the vice consul of France had applied to him for a general Warrant to search Vessels for French deserters, and praying the advice of this Board.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Bryan, and the Attorney General, for their consideration & opinion.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Craig, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Bucks, for the sum of £2,313, for expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Algernon Roberts, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Philadelphia, for the sum of nine hund'd and forty-four dollars, for expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for £75, for purchasing Blankets and other necessaries, for the use of the Troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, July 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Gardner.

It appearing to this Board that Philip Riely, Levy McMurry, Thomas Warth, and James Morgan, Volunteers, inlisted in the publick service, are now confined in Prison, under a complaint of Joseph Quarrell, a constable, for an assault and Battery,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a Nolle Prosequi on behalf of the State, on the said complaint, and that the said prisoners be delivered to the proper Officers, in order to proceed to Camp.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Searle, Esq'r, for the sum of 40,000 dollars, for which he is to account.

Colonel Ephraim Blaine, Commissary General, returned a list of the several Commissaries and deputies where certificates ought to be received in Taxes, Vizt:

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Return of the Assistant Commissaries of purchases who have acted under me in the State of Pennsylvania, those who now act and will receive live stock; also, the Names of Issuing Commissaries, who will receive other provisions at the Magazines where posts are established.

Counties.	Names of my former assistants.	Names of those who now act.	Issuing Commissaries.	Magazines.
Philad'a, & City,	Chaloner & White.	John Little.	Henry Valentine.	City of Philad'a.
Bucks,	Nicholson Patterson.	Mr. McCalla.	Do.	"
Chester,	William Evans.	William Evans.	Do.	"
Lancaster,	Matthias Slough.	Christian Wertz.	Rob't Purdy.	Lancaster.
	Cornelius Coxe.	Nicholas Lutz.	Cornelius Coxe.	Estherton.
Berks,	Peter Ashton.	Peter Ashton.	M'l Harvey.	Reading.
Northampton,	Rob't L. Hooper.	David Deshler.	Anderson J. Gray.	Easton.
Northumberland,	William McClay.	Wm. McClay.	John Whitzell.	Sunbury.
Do.	William Stewart.	Will'm Stewart.	Will'm Stewart.	Wyoming.
York,	Henry Miller.	William Scott.	John Brooks.	York Town.
Cumberland,	James Smith.	Samuel Lyon.	Alex'r Blaine.	Carlisle.

Philad'a, July 6th, 1780.

EPHRAIM BLAINE, C. G. P.

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N. B.—As the counties of Westmoreland & Bedford were principally under the direction of Colonel Morgan, I am not acquainted with the persons who acted there; but such demands as were made from those places were answered by Major Smith, of Cumberland, and Mr. McCallister, of Berkeley county, Virginia.

A letter was read from the President of Congress, dated the seventh instant, inclosing a resolution of the 6th, for supplying this Board with Bills for £1,000 sterl., drawn on the Commissioners at Paris, agreeable to a request made yesterday, through the delegates.

Ordered, That the said letter and resolve be filed, and that said bill be drawn in favour of the President of this Board, to be applied to the carrying into execution a resolution of the Hon'ble house of Assembly of this State, dated the 29th day of May last.

A letter from the President of Congress, dated June the 29th, urging the remittance of our proportion of Ten millions of dollars, as required by an act of Congress of the 19th of May last; also suggesting the expediency of loans in case of deficiency of Taxes; also that blank Bills for the several States will be forwarded as soon as the acts are transmitted for carrying into effect the resolution of the eighteenth day of March last.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A petition from Jane Kerr, wife of Thomas Kerr, said to be convicted of misprision of Treason in the county of Cumberland, with the recommendation of sundry Inhabitants of the said county, was read, but there being no attested copy of the proceedings of the court, or recommendation from the Magistrates in court, before whom the said Kerr was Tried, the same was dismissed.

And Whereas, Sundry affidavits were offered to this Board, to the discredits of the Witnesses on the Tryal:

Resolved, That the same be not read, or in anywise regarded.

Whereas, Robert Story, heretofore convicted of Murder at Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, but strongly recommended for mercy, as well by the Justices of the Supreme Court as many reputable inhabitants of the said county, was reprieved untill the sitting of the next General Assembly, and nothing since appearing to require the execution of the said sentence passed on the said Robert Story, and his confinement being burthensome to the publick,

Resolved, That he receive a pardon for said offence, on condition that he render himself to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, within three weeks after the date of the said pardon, to enter on board one of the Ships of War belonging to the United States, and serve during the present War.

Mary Spangler, wife of George Spangler, convicted and executed as a Spy, in 1778, having petitioned this Board to leave this State and proceed to New York with her family of three children, her Bedding, one Chest, and a small Box,

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Resolved, That a pass be granted her accordingly, to depart immediately.

The Attorney General having given his opinion to the Board that persons acting under a Commission from a British Governor to make captures on the Subjects of France, are not guilty of a breach of the laws of Nations in making capture of the property of the Subjects of the United States,

Resolved, That the Commissary of Prisoners do proceed to exchange the refugees taken in the Delaware, any former order of this Board notwithstanding.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, July 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.

Mr. Thompson, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Benjamin George Eyre, conveying a certain tract or piece of land, situate in the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, containing about one acre and twenty perches, according to a survey thereof, made by the direction of the s'd agents of said county; Bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner of the Widow Norris's land; thence extending along Shakamaxon street North twenty-one degrees thirty minutes west seventeen perches and two-tenths of a perch to Frankford road; thence along the said Frankford road North three degrees East fourteen perches and eight tenths of a perch to a corner of land of Jacob Shoemaker and others; thence by the said land south twenty-five degrees east thirty perches and five-tenths of a perch to a corner of the said Widow Norris's land; thence along the same south sixty-five degrees west eight perches and one-tenth of a perch to the place of beginning; containing about one acre and twenty perches of land, be the same more or less, within the said described bounds, late the estate of Samuel Shoemaker, forfeited to the use of the State and sold agreeable to Law, on the fifth day of May last, to the said Benjamin George Eyre, for the sum of £3700 lawfull Money of Pennsylvania, which sum he hath paid to the agents for forfeited Estates in the said County. Deed dated the eighth day of July instant.

The Consul of France and agent of Marine having applied to the Board for permission to Ship on board the Schooner Industry, Captain Patton, two hundred barrels of Flour, for the use of his most Christian Majesty's Fleet at Cape Francois,

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Resolved, That the same be granted, and that the Naval Officer do clear out the same, agreeable to act of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, July 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, and

The Hon'ble the Speaker of the Assembly having met this Board, to carry into execution a resolution of that Hon'ble House, dated the twenty-ninth day of May last, for a foreign Loan of £200,000, the Hon'ble James Searle was appointed agent for that purpose, and a commission accordingly passed the great seal of this Commonwealth; which when compleated, was in the following words, Vizt:

State of Pennsylvania, in North America: His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President and Commander-in-Chief, The Hon'ble the Supreme Executive Council, and the Hon'ble John Bayard, Esq'r, Speaker of the General Assembly of the said State:

To all Christian Kings, Princes, Powers, States, Republicks, Cities, and Companies, and all others to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the said State of Pennsylvania, in their late Session, held at the State House in the city of Philadelphia, did, on the 29th day of May last, resolve and declare as follows, Vizt:

Whereas, The present Just and necessary War was entered into for the attainment of the inestimable blessings of liberty, and secure enjoyment of property, the benefits whereof will extend not only to the present but future Generations; and it is, therefore, highly reasonable that posterity should bear a proportion of the expences which have already accumulated upon us, with considerable inconvenience; And as the fluctuation of the Medium of Commerce has proved one of the greatest sources of the present evils, which it is our duty and desire to remedy as soon as possible:

Resolved, That the President or Vice President in Council, together with the Speaker of this House, be authorized to procure, upon loan, from such persons as may be disposed to lend the same, & upon the most advantageous terms, a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds sterling, in Specie.

Resolved, That the faith and honor of this State be most solemnly pledged to ratify any agreement to be made with the aatho-

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rity aforesaid, with the purpose aforesaid; and also for the honourable and faithfull repayment of the sums so lent, with the Interest as aforesaid, according to the tenor of the contract or agreement so to be made in behalf of this State.

Resolved, That this house, at their next session, will provide by law specific funds for the immediate payment of the interest of the money so borrowed, or to be borrowed or contracted for, and also for the repayment of the principal thereof, as the same shall hereafter become due.

We, therefore, the said President, the said Supreme Executive Council, and Speaker of the said house of Assembly, being duly and fully authorized as aforesaid, do nominate, constitute and appoint the Hon'ble James Searle, Esq'r, one of the delegates of this State in the Hon'be in the Continental Congress of the United States of North America, late Chairman of the Commercial Committee of the said Congress, one of the Trustees of the University of the said State, and Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia thereof, to be our agent, to Negociate and act in the most effectual and efficacious manner as possible can be done, for the executing the act and resolution hereinbefore recited, and for that purpose and effect, do promise and engage, in the name and on behalf of the said State, that every contract and engagement into which he may enter for procuring the said sum of money, or any part thereof, and also in fixing the yearly interests and terms of repayment of the Capital or principal, shall be performed with all good faith, honor and punctuality; and to the end, that he, the said James Searle, may give and pass, under his hand and seal, such obligatory acts, Bills of Exchange, or any other deed or instrument, as may be deemed necessary and proper by the several contracting parties, by these presents most solemnly & inviolably binding and obliging this State to fulfill and acquit the same, agreeable and in strict conformity to the conditions, terms and stipulations therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, We the said President, the Members of the said Supreme Executive Council, and the Speaker of the General Assembly of the said State, have respectively signed these presents, and caused the great Seal of this Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, at Philadelphia, this eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord 1780, and in the fifth year of the Independence of these United States.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*
WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice Presid't.*
JOSEPH GARDNER,
JACOB ARNDT,
JOHN HAMBRIGHT,
JOHN LACEY,
Members of the Council.

JOHN BAYARD, *Speaker of the Gen'l Assembly.*

Attest:—T'Y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

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Sundry instructions were also prepared and signed to accompany said commission, which are in the following words, vizt:

In Council, Philad'a, July 8th, 1780.

Sir:—You will herewith receive a commission or power of attorney, under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, to enable you to negociate a Loan for the special uses of this State; this power or authority is founded on a solemn act of the Legislature, and in pursuance thereof, you will with all convenient expedition depart for Europe on the above business, and proceeding to such countries or states as you shall Judge most likely to favour your views, & negotiate with any publick bodies, private companies or Individuals, the above mentioned loan. And in the prosecution thereof, you will please to conform to the following particulars:

First. That the sum to be borrowed amount to two hundred thousand pounds sterling, if it can be obtained; and if so much cannot be obtained, then as nearly that amount as possible.

Secondly. That the Interest upon the sum borrowed do not exceed five per cent. per annum; if it can be obtained on better terms, it will be the greater advantage to the State.

Thirdly. That the time of repayment of the principal do not exceed ten years, in which time it is presumed the interest and situation of the State may make it proper and convenient to reimburse a part, if not the whole, of the principal.

Fourthly. You are to correspond constantly with the President, or in case of his death or absence, with the Vice President of the State, giving as particular and precise an account of your proceedings as may be.

Fifthly. Having succeeded, as we hope you will, in the important business intrusted to your care, you will dispose of the money procured in the following manner: First, you are to purchase cloathing and Military Stores, agreeable to an Invoice or order presented you herewith, signed by the President of the Council. Secondly, The residue of the money after such purchase, to be applied as follows, vizt: One-fourth part thereof to be remitted in Specie to the President and Council; one-fourth part to be laid out in such articles of Merchandize as will be most usefull and profitable, such as Coarse Linnens and Woollens, Sail-duck, Osnabrigs, one hundred chests of Bohea Tea, & twenty-five chests of Green.

Sixthly. The money and goods to be sent in Dutch bottoms, by way of St. Eustatia, addressed to the order of Curzon and Governieur, Merchants there, whom you will advise particularly.

But as this circuitous rout will greatly delay the supplies, which are much wanted, we leave to your Judgment and discretion to Ship on freight, if it can be done, in Vessels of not less than twenty-six Guns, nine pounders each; or if no such opportunities of freight can be procured, we authorize you to charter two such Ves-

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sels for the special purpose, if you shall think proper, in either case assuring them of a return freight of the staple of this State, or of tobacco. And always to be understood, that in every event and case, the whole risque to be insured at the most favorable premium.

To provide as fully as may be, we have furnished you with three blank commissions, such as are granted by Congress, and to be used by the vessels you may employ, if you shall judge it necessary.

Seventhly. If one or two good vessels of the above force can be procured at a reasonable price, we authorize you to make an optional bargain therefor, that is to say: the price being fixed, the State to have a choice here of taking such ship or ships at such price, either paying the outward freight or not, as you may agree.

Upon farther consideration of the sixth article, we leave to your discretion the choice of the agents at St. Eustatia, if you should think the publick may be better served by any other persons.

Wishing you a safe and pleasant voyage, and success in your negotiations, we remain Sir, your Obedient & very humb'e Serv'ts.

JOSEPH REED, Presid't,
WILLIAM MOORE, Vice Presid't,
JOHN BAYARD, Speaker Gen. Assem'y.
JOSEPH GARDNER,
JACOB ARNDT,
JOHN HAMBRIGHT,
JOHN LACEY.

An invoice of goods to be shipped on account of this State, was also prepared, read and agreed to, and the same directed to be signed by the President, which is as follows, vizt:

Invoice of sundry articles to be purchased in behalf of the State of Pennsylvania by James Searle, Esq'r, for three hundred & fifty officers and six thousand privates:

350 Beaver Hats. 12,000 do. Felts. Regimentals. 20,000 good Blankets. 1750 yards $\frac{6}{4}$ deep blue coating at 6s 2 Sterling per yard, for great Coats for Officers. 30,000 yards of ditto from $\frac{7}{8}$ to $\frac{4}{3}$ ditto for privates. 6000 yards of Red do. at do. 875 yards of Blue broad cloth at 15s 2 per yard, for Coats for Officers. 875 yds. of white do. at do. for ditto. 55 pieces Blue & 35 pieces White Rattinets, at 50s Sterling per piece. 10 Scarlet ditto at 70s ditto. 70 Groce flat Regimental white metal coat buttons with shanks, and eighteen hundred groce Vest ditto at four Sterling per groce. Ten pounds best Scarf blue twist. Ten ditto scarlet and ten ditto white, at 27s per lb. Ten pounds best scarlet, ten pounds of blue, and ten pounds white sewing silk.—15,000 yards deep blue $\frac{6}{4}$ Broad Cloth, & 15,000 yards white ditto for Soldiers Cloathing, at 5s. 6 per yard. 200 pieces white Shal-

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loons at 35s. per piece, for lining. 100 pounds red, & 200 pounds white twist at eighteen shillings per pound. 1000 yards deep blue, and 1000 yards white $\frac{6}{4}$ Cloth for non-commissioned officers, at 8s. per yard. 500 yards scarlet broad Cloth at 18s. per yard. 9000 yards red do. at 5s. 6 ditto. 150 yards scarlet do. at 9s. 6 do. 1000 p'ds best blue, 1000 pounds white, and 50 pounds red thread at 2s. 6. 8000 yards of brown buckrum, at 9d. 500 yards of white do. at 1s. 2. 2500 yards white, and 5000 yards red flannel, at 1s.—500 pieces blue Strowd. 350 pair silk hose, white, at 14s. 700 pair white thread or cotton, at 5s. 350 pair white worsted do. at 4s. 300 pieces of Duck, fit for Tents. 24,000 pair of white yarn do. for Soldiers, at 1s. 6. 300 pieces of Gartering. 350 pair of Boots. 700 pair of good Shoes for Officers. 24,000 pair of strong Shoes for soldiers. 10,000 Ivory small teeth Combs. 10,000 large do. 4000 yards of linnen for Officers shirts, at 2s. 6 per yard.—70,000 yards of ditto for soldiers, at 1s. 3. Cambrick suitable for one ruffled Shirt and three stocks for each Officer. Ditto for three stocks for each soldier. Twenty groce of wire shirt buttons. Suitable thread for 1050 shirts for officers, and 18,000 shirts for privates. 6000 pair plain steel shoe-Buckles for Soldiers. Six thousand pair Knee ditto, & 6000 stock buckles. 1000 best fusees. 1000 best rifles. 250 Carbines. 6000 pair of white metal sleeve buttons. 350 pair of worsted Gloves for Officers. 6000 pair of woollen Mitts for soldiers. 25,000 Ells of Oznabriggs. 400 Shoulder knots for Corporals, &ca. 5000 stand of good Muskuets, &c. 1000 Horse Pistols with Holsters. 100 Ream of writing paper, well sorted, with an assortment of Stationary. One thousand barrels of Musquet powder—100 pounds in each barrel. 250 Barrels of Cannon Powder. Five tons of bar lead. 1,000,000 of best oil flints. 1000 Razors with shaving boxes. 6000 Cuttoe knives and forks in Sheaths. 400 Serjeant's sashes. 24 pieces of Iron Cannon, 24 and 32 pounders. 1750 yards Russia drilling for Officers' overalls. 30,000 yards ditto Coarse for soldiers, for ditto. Nankeens, about 5000 yards. Sheet Copper . Block tin . Sheet Lead . Sheet tin .

July 8th, 1780. JOSEPH REED, Presid't.

A commission of Lieutenant Colonel of Militia in this State (by brevet) was also signed and sealed to the said Mr. Searle.

Upon a conference also with the said Mr. Searle, touching a compensation for his agency, it was proposed and agreed to, that in all events the expences of the said Mr. Searle should be defrayed by the State, and that at the next meeting of the Assembly it should be proposed that a committee of the house, in conjunction with this Board, should fix such compensation, either an allowance of a gross sum over and above all expences, or a commission, according to usual mercantile form; to which, in mode and substance, Mr. Searle declared his readiness to conform.

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The case of Edward Grizzle & John Wilson, attainted of high treason, having been often debated at this Board, came now to be finally considered; and it appearing that having joined the enemy during their residence in this State, as troopers, under Captain James, they had afterwards deserted from that service, with their horses and accoutrements, depending, as they alledge, on a Proclamation issued by General Washington, promissing pardon to such deserters, and the said criminals appearing to be young, and having otherwise good characters,

Resolved, That though the Proclamation was mistaken, yet the circumstances attending their case are such as justify the clemency of this Board; and the said Edward Grizzle and John Wilson having submitted to the law of the land, received sentence of death; & a session of the General Assembly having since passed, by which the power of pardon is now Constitutionally vested in this Board,

Ordered, That a free and general pardon do pass the great seal for that purpose.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

Sundry setts of exchange were received, drawn by his Excellency the President of Congress, in favour of the President of the State of Pennsylvania, agreeable to request, which were also endorsed to the said Mr. Searle, for the purposes above mentioned, vizt:

One sett for 1777 dollars, at five Livres Tournois per dollar, or eight thousand eight hundred & five Livres Tournois.

Second sett, for 1111 dollars, at five Livres Tournois per dollar, or five hundred and fifty-five Livres Tournois.

Third sett, for 1555 dollars, at five Livres Tournois per dollar, or 1775 Livres Tournois.

A letter was received from Mr. Holker, Consul of France, inclosing a sett of exchange, (4 bills) drawn agreeable to a request of the Board, in favour of the President, for eleven thousand four hundred and twenty-eight Livres eleven Sols Tournois, which were endorsed in favour of James Searle, Esq'r, for the purpose aforesaid, and for which a receipt was given in the following words:

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, July 11th, 1780.

Received of the Honourable John Holker, Esq'r, Consul of France, a sett of bills of Exchange on Monsieur Le Ray de Chau-

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mont, at Paris, at sixty days' sight, for 11,428 Livres and eleven Sols Tournois; for which the State of Pennsylvania will settle with the said Mr. Holker, in the account of money borrowed from this State for Monsieur De Cornay, one of his most Christian Majesty's provincial Commissarys.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, July 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Francis Johnston, for £18,075, for expences in forwarding the Pennsylvania Volunteers to head quarters, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jesse Bonsall, for the sum of 14,400 dollars, for five head of cattle purchased by Algernon Roberts, Commissioner of purchases in Philadelphia county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Isaac Serrall, for the sum of 19,106 dollars, in full, for fourteen head of beef cattle, purchased by Mess'rs Bull and Armstrong, Commissioners of purchases in the county of Philadelphia, and John Crosby, Junior, Commissioner of purchases in the county of Chester, for the use of the army, agreeable to the said act.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honb'e William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of £3,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honb'e John Lacey, Jun'r, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

The petition of Elizabeth Powers was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That she be released from confinement, on condition that she depart the State in 2 weeks from this day.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President to Alexander Oliver, conveying a certain tract or parcel of land situate in lower Providence township, in the county of Chester, Beginning at a stone by the road leading from Providence to Edgemont; thence by Edward Vernon's land north fifty-seven degrees

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west eighty-six perches and three-quarters, to a stone, & south thirty degrees west seventy-eight perches, to a post; thence by land late of Nathaniel Vernon south fifty seven degrees east eighty perches and three-quarters, to a stone by the said Road; thence by the same north thirty degrees east seventy-eight perches, to the place of beginning; containing forty-two acres and thirty perches. Seized as the estate late of Gideon Vernon; forfeited & sold agreeable to law, for the sum of £1,307 16 3, to the said Alexander Oliver, which sum he hath paid to the agents of the said county. Deed dated the fifth day of August, 1779.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to James Hendry, conveying one full, equal and undivided moiety or half part of a certain lott or piece of ground situate on the north side of Plumb street, in the district of Southwark, and county of Philad'a, containing in breadth on the said Plumb street fifteen feet eight inches and a quarter, and in length ninety feet, be the same more or less; Bounded southward by the said Plumb street; westward by ground then of Alexander Lavid, now of John Williams; northward by an alley leading to George street; and eastward by ground late of John Fullerton, now of the widow Read. Seized as the estate late of Peter Arthur; forfeited and sold, agreeable to law, to the said James Hendry, for the sum of one hundred and ten pounds, which sum he hath paid the agents of forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the 30th day of June last.

A letter was read from General St. Clair, acknowledging the receipt of forty-eight recruits by Lieutenant Honeyman, and seventy-eight by Captain McIlhatton, and also recommending the Rev'd Mr. M'Murdie as Chaplain to the first regiment.

Resolved, That Major General Armstrong be furnished with a suit of light cloaths and trimmings, and two pair of silk stockings, to be charged in account, and that his son, Major Armstrong, Aid-du-Camp to General Gates, suddenly ordered into service, be supplied with one hat, drilling for two pair of breeches, and linnen for four shirts, and that Colonel Lewis Farmer issue the same.

A letter was read from Jacob Eichelberger, Esq'r, one of the Justices of the peace of York county, signifying that he had been accused before the General Assembly of mal-practice in his office, and criminality as a private person, and praying that if the Board shall deem the said accusation of weight and consequence, they would proceed to a hearing, or if they deem it frivolous & unsupported, they would accept his resignation of his office as a Justice of the peace;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the terms of the said resignation cannot be complied with, as this Board cannot pronounce an accusation frivolous or unsupported, which the complainants have not been called on to support, but if such resignation is made generally, farther conside-

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ration will be had; otherwise that the indictment against the said petitioner be first determined, and that in the meantime it is the sense of this Board that the said Jacob Eichelberger do not act in his office of Justice of the peace while the charges against him remain undetermined.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, July 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Honb'l the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board that the Hon'ble the Congress have instructed the Hon'ble Henry Laurens, Esq'r, their agent, for procuring a foreign loan, to offer an interest of six per cent, from which there is reason to apprehend that difficulties may arise in effecting the proposed loan in behalf of the State, at the proposed rate of five per cent.; Whereupon, on full consideration,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble James Searle, Esq'r, if he shall find it indispensibly necessary, to offer an equal interest with the above, and that this Board will at the next sessions communicate the same to the Hon'ble house of Assembly, for their approbation and confirmation.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola for the sum of £1190, amount of money due to the said Colonel Nichola, Captains Woelpper and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations & refreshments, from the fourth day of June last to the 2d day of July last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, for the sum of £3845 16, amount of his account as Commissary of Prisoners for this State, from the first day of May, 1779, to the 20th day of February, 1780, forty-two weeks, at £91 11 4, per week.

The Commissioners of the Continental Loan Office in this State having tendered another sett of Bills of Exchange in lieu of those received on the eleventh instant, Mr. Searle returned the latter and received the following, vizt:

Four setts, (4 in each sett,)	500 dollars each, - -	2000 dollars.
Four do. do.	400 dollars, - - - -	1600 doll's.
Three do. 3 do.	300 doll's, - - - -	900 doll's.

In the whole four thousand five hundred dollars.

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The same being drawn on Doctor Franklin, & made payable to the President, viz:

500 Mexican dollars, or 2500 Livres Tournois.
400 Mexican dollars, or 2000 Livres Tournois.
300 Mexican dollars, or 1500 Livres Tournois.

A letter was received from the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Bryan, and the Attorney General; containing an opinion on the case lately referred to them by this Board, on an application from the Judge of the Admiralty.

A letter from Colonel Coxe, Assistant Quarter Master General, to Charles Pettit, Esq'r, Assistant Quarter Master General, requesting an order for State money to pay sundry waggons impressed in Bucks county by General Knox, agreeable to orders from the Commander-in-Chief. The same was referred to the Vice President to make enquiry and report.

A letter from Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer of the United States, informing this Board that he had receiv'd draughts from Congress for 1,796,950, and for 4,569,045 dollars and one third dollar, and requesting information when the whole or part will be paid.

A letter from the Hon'ble Committee at Camp, requesting a Magazine of short forage to be formed on Hudson's river, and that the supplies of this State may be forwarded, was read, and ordered to be filed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, July 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Hambright, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Haslewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for five thousand pounds of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Hambright for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer for the sum of £21,000, for purchasing the enumerated ar-

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ticles of rum, tea, sugar, coffee, &ca., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An application from Mr. Isaac Moses, of this city, merchant, to sell, by auction, four chests of damaged Bohea tea.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Heysham, Philip Boehm and Hillary Baker, Jun'r, be appointed to view the said goods, and report, on oath or affirmation, whether the same are really & bona fide damaged, agreeable to act of Assembly, the petitioner to bear the expence thereof.

Application having been made by the Lieutenant of York county, respecting the destination of the volunteers raised in that county, and the providing them with arms,

Resolved, That the said volunteers be formed into two companies, the one to march to Bedford, & the other to Westmoreland, there to act under the direction of the Lieutenants of those Counties, respectively, so as to afford the most effectual protection to the frontiers.

Secondly. That the Commissioners of purchases for said counties, respectively, do furnish the said troops with rations, agreeable to the Continental allowance.

Thirdly. That the Lieutenants of Bedford and Westmoreland do make diligent inquiry with respect to the arms furnished last year to the Ranging companies by this State, and cause the same to be delivered, for the use of the above companies, so far as the county of York may be deficient in giving a suitable supply.

Fourthly. That the Lieutenant of York do return, as soon as may be, a list of the men, and that he take due care they be all qualified, both as to age and health, agreeable to the directions of the act of Gen'l Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Sunday, July 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Hambright, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Gardner, and

The President read a letter from Monsieur De Cornay, announcing the arrival of the French Fleet at Newport, Rhode Island, dated the 11th instant; also, another, dated the 4th instant, intimating that the State money, vizt, £17,000, heretofore borrowed, did not answer his purpose, & requesting to return it.

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A letter was also read from the committee of Congress at Camp, reflecting highly on this Board for not corresponding with them, agreeable to their requisition of the eighth of June last.

The said letters were ordered to remain for further consideration, & the Board proceeded to apportion the men and supplies demanded of the several counties, of which a rough draught was made, and adjourned for farther consideration.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia do apprehend Mrs. Jane Bartram, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Volans, and Mrs. Preston, wives of Alex'r Bartram and others, late of this State, and now in the service of the enemy, and deliver them to the keeper of the workhouse, there to remain untill they respectively give security to leave this State forthwith, and not to return again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, July 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Arndt.

The letters received yesterday were again considered; and

Resolved, That a draught of an answer to Monsieur De Cornay be prepared; and that the Board do remonstrate to Congress against the proceedure of their committee.

The Board adjourned to five o'clock, to prepare said letter and remonstrance.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

A draught of an answer to Monsieur De Cornay, and of the above remonstrance, were read and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, July 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Lacey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Francis Mc'-Henry, for the sum of £690, for his expences for apprehending and securing two British deserters, taken in the county of Bucks, on their way to New York.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Price, for the sum of £5,097 10, in full for five head of cattle, purchased by Algernon Roberts, Commissioner of purchases for Philad'a county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

The papers of the Schooner Flying Fish, from Bermudas, having been examined & considered, and also the act of Assembly entitled, "an act for regulating navigation and trade in this State,

Resolved, That from the inconsistency and contradiction of the oaths and papers, there appears great reason to suspect that this is the opening of an illegal and dangerous trade, by which, under colour of indulgence to the inhabitants of said Island, commodities of the growth of the British Islands at enmity with us, and prize goods taken from the subjects of these States, are likely to be introduced into this State, expressly contrary to the said act of Assembly, as well as the general interests of these States; and that therefore the Naval Officer be directed to seize the goods on board the said vessel not the growth or produce of the Island of Bermudas, vizt: Twenty hogsheads of molasses, nine casks of coffee, 3 hogsheads & 5 casks of sugar.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, July 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Wright, for 8,083 dollars, for cattle purchased by Wm. McCalla,

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Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Bucks, for the Continental army, agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

Resolved, That Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, be authorized and requested to send down William Earl, a rejected volunteer, to this place, to be employed in the works at Mud Island, unless he shall immediately refund the monies received by him from the company, for which he enlisted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-one pounds five shillings, for sundry expences in seizing horses for the Continental army, on the 10th of June last.

WHEREAS, John Jones and George Montgomery, heretofore convicted of burglary at a court of Oyer and Terminer, held for the city and county of Philadelphia, were reprieved untill the sitting of the next Gen'l Assembly, and nothing since appearing to require the execution of the sentence passed upon them, the said John Jones and George Montgomery, and their confinement being burthensome to the publick,

Resolved, That they receive pardons for their offences, on condition that they enter on board the Saratoga Ship of War, in the service of the United States of America, & serve during the present war.

A letter from General Hand, requesting that sundry gentlemen nominated as officers in the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment may receive commissions, under the appointment of this Board, vizt: Mr. John Pratt, Ensign, from first July, 1779; Mr. Henry Henly, do. 2d do.; Mr. Andrew Henderson, do. 4th do., and Mr. Nathaniel Smith, do. 5th ditto.

Resolved, That the above gentlemen having been in actual service for more than a year, and appointed antecedent to the late resolve of Congress against new appointments, be nominated to the Board of War in the above companies, according to the above date respectively.

John Mitchell, Esq'r, D'y Q'r M'r G'l, paid into the hands of the Vice President, the sum of £700, the rent of the bridge on Schuylkill for the month of June, and the same was accordingly paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

Messrs. Heysham, Bœhm, and Baker, having, agreeable to order of the 15th, reported the tea mentioned in Isaac Moses's petition, to be damaged,

Resolved, That the city auctioneer have leave to dispose thereof, agreeable to act of Assembly, and taking care to advertize the same as damaged goods sold agreeable to law; and that a copy of this resolve be endorsed on said report, and sent to the auctioneer.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, enclosing a resolution and sundry papers referring the case of Thomas Jones, and others, to this Board, who claim their discharges for that

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the time of enlistment is expired, were read, and referred to Gen'l Lacey, Major Arndt, and Captain Hambright, to hear the petitioner and report to the Board.

Two letters were read, the first dated the 3d instant, the other the fifteenth, from General Greene, Quarter Master General, suggesting, in the former, the necessity of branding the horses sent from this State, and proposing a brand of U. S. P.; the other requesting such information as circumstances will admit, how far the requisition of the Committee of Congress, at Camp, will be complied with by this State, when the supplies will be ready, and when collected; For which an answer was immediately prepared, to be forwarded by the first opportunity.

Petition from Meade and Company, and John Maxwell Nesbit and Company, representing their being concerned in the Schooner Flying Fish, and that they had no intentions to contravene the laws of the State, and praying the favour and indulgence of the Board with respect to the seizure; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be farther considered to-morrow, and that the Chief Justice and Mr. Judge Bryan be requested to attend the Council to-morrow morning, to advise in said business.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, July 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the amount of six thousand pounds, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental money for one of State money, for the use of his department, for which he is to be accountable.

A letter from Colonel Butler, of the 17th instant, was read, requesting that the following gentlemen may be appointed ensigns in the ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, to wit: Nathaniel Smith, as first Ensign; David McKnight, 2d Ensign; James Erwin, 3d Ensign; and Reed, fourth Ensign; and his Excellency Gen'l Washington having signified that the said appointments are indispensibly necessary,

Resolved, That they be appointed, and that the Hon'ble the Board of War be requested to issue the commissions accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, July 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honb'e the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Gardner,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Crozer, for the amount of 6,466 dollars and two-thirds, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty Continental dollars for one of State money, in full of five head of cattle purchased by John Crosby, Jun'r, Commissioner of Purchases for Chester county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer for the sum of £96,000 Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental money for one of State money, for purchasing the enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, coffee, &ca., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

Saturday, July 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, and Mr. Gardner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Emmick, for the amount of 11,333 dollars, & one third Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty Continental dollars for one of State money, in full for seven head of cattle and twenty-seven sheep, delivered to Jacob Cook, one of the Commissioners of purchases in Lancaster county, for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Serjeant George Dalzell, for the sum of £30, for his services in bringing a prisoner from York town to this city.

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A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Peter Wikoff, Isaac Wikoff, & James Hutchinson, of a certain tract or piece of land and meadow ground, situate on the road leading from Philadelphia to Point-no-Point, in the Northern Liberties, containing about seventy six acres, be the same more or less; (sixteen acres whereof are banked meadow;) bounded on the south-east by the river Delaware; on the south-west by land of John Gibson; on the west and north-west by land of Joseph Ball and George Emlen; and on the north-east by land late of Joseph Fox, dece'd; seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Samuel Shoemaker, during the term of his natural life, to them, the said Peter and Isaac Wikoff and James Hutchinson, for the sum of £12,400 lawfull money of Pennsylvania, which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents for forfeited estates for the county of Philadelphia. Deed dated the 22d day of July instant.

The petition of James McCown, convicted of felony and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of £500, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that the said James McCowan shall enter on board the Confederacy or Saratoga Ships of War, in the service of the United States, and serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, July 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Gardner,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the sum of £1,000 of the money emitted by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty-fifth day of March last, to be charged to the account of John Bull, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Philadelphia county, for purchasing supplies.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Randle Mitshell, for the sum of £434, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental money for one of State money, it being the allowance, including costs, made by the Supreme Court for the maintainance of Mary Campbell, (the wife of Peter Campbell, an attainted traitor,) from December, 1776, to the first of April, 1779, decreed to her the 4th of April last.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Mary Campbell, for the amount of £256, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental money for one of State money, it being the allowance made by a decree of the Supreme Court for the maintenance of Mary Campbell, (the wife of Peter Campbell, an attainted Traitor,) and her child, commencing the first day of April last, to be paid in quarterly paym'ts.

WHEREAS, A generous subscription hath been entered into by the inhabitants of this city for the purpose of raising recruits to fill the Pennsylvania line:

We do hereby declare that a bounty of three half [illegible]nnesses, a compleat suit of cloaths, and two hundred acres of [illegible] will be given to every able bodied man, not under eighteen nor above forty five years of age, (except deserters, prisoners of war of every kind, or seamen,) who will voluntarily enlist to serve during the war.—All Lieutenants, Sub-Lieutenants, and officers of the militia, and other well disposed persons, are hereby requested to use their utmost influence, in their several districts, to encourage and promote the design aforesaid, and shall receive for their trouble in so doing, two hundred dollars for every recruit that shall pass muster, if delivered to Colonel Nichola at the Barracks in this city, who will also pay the bounty.

And as it is probable that there are many deserters from the Pennsylvania line lurking about in this city, and in divers parts of the country, any persons, therefore, who will apprehend such deserters, shall, upon delivering them at the Barracks to Colonel Nichola, receive one-halt Johannes, or the exchange at sixty, in Continental money, together with all reasonable charges.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, July 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Conrad Kreider, Waggon Master of the county of Northampton, for the sum of two thousand pounds Continental money, and also the amount of other two thousand pounds, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, for expences in calling out waggons from said county, agreeable to a late order of this Board.

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The arrival of the French Fleet and forces being now officially ascertained, the Board resumed the consideration of the requisition of the Committee of Congress of the instant, entered in their minutes the eighth, to see how far the same had been carried into execution, and to compleat what farther remained; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the several counties in this State be quota'd for the several articles in the following proportions, including such supplies as are already furnished, vizt:

counties	Barrels of flour P. month.	Bushels of Forage P. month.	Waggons	Horses.	Militia.	
Philad'a city,	300	3000			500	14,189 Salt. 24,823 Rum.
Do. county,	200	1000	20	200	550	
Chester,	800	2000	45	200	500	
Bucks,	500	2000	15	200	350	
Lancaster,	1200	5000	50	300	600	
York,	500	500	25	300	300	
Cumberland,	200	500	25	300	350	
Berks,	600	600	20	200	300	
Northampton,	500	1000	15	100		
Total,	4800	15,600	215	1800	3450	

Two letters and requisitions from Camp were again read, containing a very alarming and distressing account of the state of the army for want of teams; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said requisitions be complied with, and that orders do issue accordingly to the several Waggon Masters of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks and Northampton counties, and that they be directed to exert themselves in the most vigorous manner to comply with the said requisitions, in the following proportions, vizt: Philadelphia county, 20 waggons; Bucks c'y, 30 waggons; Chester co'y, 40 waggons; Cumberland co'y, 25 waggons; Lancaster, 50; Berks, 20; York, 25; Northampton, 15. Such teams to be included as have been furnished under the resolution of the 21st of June last.

Resolved, That in case of difficulty or delay in making up the said teams, the said Waggon Masters and their Deputies do apply to the magistrates and officers of the militia for their assistance, and that they impress any horses, waggons and gears, distinguishing between such as have taken the oaths or affirmations of allegiance; and those who have not, and saving always to every plantation, at least two working horses; That the said horses, waggons and gears, be appraised on oath by two persons, to be appointed as the Waggon Law directs, and a certificate given; That

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the Waggon Masters do, within one month, make a true return to this Board of all horses, waggons and gears so taken, and also the prices affixed.

A letter from the Governor of Maryland, requesting a copy of the Embargo law, and information from that subject, was read, dated the 21st day of July, 1780.

A letter from the Minister of France, requesting to know how far the enlistment of Hessian deserters into the French army was consistent with the views of this State, and offering to send them to our recruiting officers; which was answered, and he was informed that being not admissable into the American army, he is quite at liberty to engage them.

A letter from the Board of War, dated this day, requesting a supply of powder from the State stock, and that the credit of the State might be engaged to procure from individuals, was read, and a letter wrote to Captain Stiles to make a return.

A conference was held with the Delegates of the State on the hire of waggons called into Continental service, and sundry letters read, setting forth the difficulty of procuring waggons at the present low prices; Whereupon, the matter was referred to them, and it was recommended to move Congress thereupon.

A record of a conviction in Chester county of John Monrow, charged and found guilty of horse stealing, was read, and an application made to remit the fine of £1,500, it being represented by Mr. Justice Levis that he had suffered the corporal punishment of the pillory and whipping; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, on condition the said Monrow do enter into the Continental service during the war, without bounty, and continue therein.

The Hon'ble Mr. Matlack, one of the delegates in Congress, communicated the following resolution of Congress on the subject referred to them this morning, vizt:

IN CONGRESS, Philad'a, July 25th, 1780.

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive of the several States, "which are called upon to furnish waggons for the use of the United "States, be authorized to make such allowance for the hire of such "waggons as they shall think adequate, untill the Deputy Quarter "Masters are appointed for the State respectively."

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the pay of the waggons called into publick service be fixed at 30 shillings specie per day, or the exchange, as settled by Congress at 40 for one.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, July 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong for the sum of £8000 Continental money, for paying the labourers employed at Mud Island, and for purchasing provisions, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Joseph Greer, one of the Commissioners of purchases for Bucks county, for the sum of 6,083 dolls. Continental money, the same to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty dollars Continental money for one of State money, for expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Agustine Willett, one of the Commissioners of purchases for the county of Bucks, for the amount of 6,715 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty dollars Continental for one of State money, being the balance of his account for purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, for the sum of £4,000, for paying the arrears due to the Militia of the city & liberties of Philadelphia, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, July 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £2,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Timothy Matlack, Esq'r, for the sum of £3,000, in part of his pay as a Member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Bartholomew, for the sum of £2,075, for six head of cattle purchased by William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Chester county, for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of General Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Christian Wertz, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Lancaster, for the sum of £1,500 of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last. The said commissioner to receive the one-half of the said sum in Continental money, at the rate of sixty for one, for purchasing supplies for the army, and for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, July 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

A letter from the Board of War, dated the twenty-sixth instant, was read.

Resolved, That Mr. John Nancarrow be requested to attend this Board immediately, on the business referred to in the said letter.

A copy of a letter having been laid before the Board from Moore Furman, Esq'r, Deputy Quarter Master at Trenton, in New Jersey, to Colonel Pettit, Assistant Quarter Master General, representing that the teams of that State were discharged for want of pay and hay or pasture, and that the teams from this State would be embarrassing on the same score. The attendance of the Delegates in Congress was requested, and a Conference held thereupon.

A letter from the Board of War, dated the twenty-sixth instant, respecting John Nancarrow's air furnace, was read; and the said John Nancarrow being directed to attend the Board, which he did, he requested to have time to confer with the said Board before his furnace was taken possession of for the publick; which appearing reasonable, the same was granted, and a letter was wrote to the Board.

A letter dated the thirtieth of June last, from Colonel Brodhead, was read, setting forth the great deficiency of the stores sent him; that lieutenant Brady had returned from a scout with some success, and recommending him as entitled to promotion, in place of Captain Dawson, who died last September; also, that he will

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want provisions for his troops, that his officers are anxious about their promotions.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That Lieutenant Brady be appointed a Captain in the eighth Pensylvania Regiment, and recommended accordingly to the Board of War, his commission to take date from the 25th of Sept'r last.

A letter from Henry Haller, Esq'r, Waggon master of the county of Berks, was read, dated July , representing the want of money for his department, and some defects in the waggon law.

Amount of the issues in Lancaster for the month of May was read, amounting to 6,608 rations.

Month of June, do. 5,625 do.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, July 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

The petition of George Brett, convicted of receiving stolen goods, and sentenced to pay a fine of £140 to the use of the State, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that he enter on board the Confederacy ship of War, in the service of the United States of America, & serve during the present war.

In Council.

Monday, July 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the amount of £21,000, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental money for one of

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State money, for purchasing supplies of enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, & coffee, for the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A letter from Colonel Samuel Jn'o Atlee, Lieutenant of Lancaster county, dated the 24th instant, acknowledging the attention of Council, & advising of having sent down nine more recruits.

A letter from General Wayne, dated the 26th of July, giving an account of his late expedition against Bergen, and requesting red cloth & thread may be sent forward to alter the facings of the new cloaths lately arrived, so as to put the men in uniform with the officers.

A return of justices was made for the town of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, in the room of Thomond Ball, deceased, & Wilton Atkinson, superceded June 3d last; but the same not being duly made under the hands and seals of the judges and inspectors, as the law directs,

Resolved, That the said return be sent back, that it may be made conformable to law, and that then commissions do issue.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant Andrew Lytle, of the fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, for the sum of 1,000 dollars, Continental money, on account of his expences in conducting to camp the store for the use of the Pennsylvania line, he to be accountable.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Aug'st 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of 3,000 dollars, Continental money, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

The following gentlemen having been nominated surgeons in the several regiments annexed to their names,

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Board for commissions accordingly, vizt:

2d Pennsylvania Regim't, Benjamin Perry, Esq'r, July 10th, 1777.

3d Regiment, James Tate, Esq'r, August 1st, 1777.

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5th Regiment, James Davidson, Esq'r, April 5th, 1777.
6th Regiment, John McDowell, Feb'ry 3d, 1778.
9th Regiment, William Magaw, June 15th, 1775.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Aug'st 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Deshler, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the county of Northampton, for the sum of £1,500 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the army, for which he is to account. One-third part of the said sum to be paid in Continental money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental for one of State money.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Jacob Anrdt, Esq'r, for the sum of £400 of the money emitted by an act of Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, to be by him forwarded to Conrad Krieder, Esq'r, Waggon Master of the county of Northampton, for the use of his department, & for which he, the said Waggon Master, is to account. One-third part of the said sum to be paid in Continental money, at the rate of £60 Continental for one of State money.

Application having been made with respect to John Russell, now confined in goal under a slight suspicion of larceny, the prosecutors whereof have not appeared,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a Nole Prosequi, and that the sheriff discharge him from confinement, he having signified his intention to enter into the military service.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Thomas Jones, and others, belonging to Captain Coren's Company of Artificers, as laid before the Hon'ble Congress by petition, and sent by them, with sundry other papers, to this Board, now made their report, from which, and a letter of Colonel Nichola's thereupon, this Board have formed the following state, viz't:

That these men were enlisted into a Company of Artillery Artificers, under the command of Captain Coren, on the usual time of serving for three years or during the War; that the term of three years being expired, they contend their service ought to end; that this company have been employed, and have been since their en-

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listment, in the Continental Labaratory, preparing ammunition, &ca., in which they are very expert and useful; that they are in a very destitute condition for want of cloathes and other necessaries, owing, as Colonel Nichola represents, to a puntilio of their Captain, who would not acknowledge any subordination to Colonel Flower, under whose general superintendance as Commissary of Military Stores, other artificers were, and received supplies from the United States, he contending that this was an independent company of artillery, only subject to the orders of General Knox; that under these circumstances, if the construction of the terms of enlistment for three years, or during the war, is to give the soldier the election, these men, or some of them, are now entitled to their discharge, but if the election is in the publick, they are still bound; but this is a point to the decision of which the Board does not esteem itself competent; that by referring to the votes of the Assembly, and an act passed the day of February last, it appears that it was the desire of the House that this company, with three others, vizt: Proctor's, Lee's, and Jones's, which had been raised in this State as independent companies, but are now very much reduced, and most of the officers resigned, should be incorporated into the regiment of artillery belonging to the State; that the President of this State conferred thereupon with General Knox last winter, who approved of the incorporation as highly beneficial, and proposed as soon as these companies were thus incorporated, to send draughts from the artillery into the labaratory, to make up ammunition, by which means that knowledge, now confined to a few, would be more extensive; that application was made to the Board of War thereupon, but nothing has been since done. Colonel Lamb, to whose regiment of artillery two of these companies had been temporarily annexed, not being willing to part with them, and the officers of Proctor's regiment raising some difficulties about rank; that in this situation their Captain, (who was lately cashiered,) refusing to draw for them as artificers under Colonel Flower, and the act of Assembly of the State not entitling them to supplies untill their incorporation with the regiment of artillery belonging to the State, the men have fallen into deplorable distress; that upon the whole, this Board humbly beg leave to offer it as their opinion to Congress: First, that it be settled in such manner as Congress shall think best, what is the true and proper construction of the terms of their enlistment. Secondly, that as to such of them as shall be deemed to continue in service, they be incorporated, agreeable to the act of Assembly, and the opinion of General Washington and General Knox, in Proctor's regiment, which is much weaker: that Colonel Lamb's disputes of rank, if any, to be settled by a Board of Officers, in the usual way; that this Board will then be enabled to relieve their distresses, and continue them in the service in such a way as to be usefull to the publick, & comfortable to themselves.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Aug'st 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for the sum of £3,000, of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty-fifth day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In favour of John Hayes, Esq'r, one of the Commissioners for purchasing cattle in the county of Northampton, for the sum of £1,953 5, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty pounds Continental for one of State money, for cattle purchased by him for the army, agreeable to Act of Assembly passed the first day of June last, and for expences in driving, &ca.

In favour of Hon'ble Jared Ingersoll, Esq'r, for 1,000 dollars, in part of his pay as a member of Congress, for which he is to account.

In favour of Mr. Richard Robinson, for the amount of £5,203 15, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of £60 Continental for one of State money, for five cattle and twenty sheep, purchased by William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Chester county for the army, agreeable to an act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

In favour of Major William Bodley, for £8,120 Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of £60 Continental money for one of State money, for fourteen cattle purchased for the army by William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Chester county, agreeable to an act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

In favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds, amount of pay due to the officers and men of the gallies from the first day of July last to the 1st day of August instant.

In favour of Nathan Boys, for the sum of £5,290, Continental money, amount of money due to the officers and men of the gallies, in lieu of their refreshments from the 1st to the 31st day of July last.

In favour of Messrs. Steiner and Cist, for the sum of £112 10, for printing work done for the Council.

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In favour of Mr. James Reynolds for the sum of £900 for a frame to the picture of Mr. Wharton, the late President of this State.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Charles Wilson Peale, Esq'r, conveying two certain messuages or tenements, and lot or piece of ground, situate on the west side of Second street, near Christian street, in the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on Second street forty-seven feet, and in depth 200 feet; Bounded eastward by Second street aforesaid; southward by lands of Anthony Duche; westward by Joseph Wharton's ground; & northward by Joseph Wharton's ground; seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Alexander Bartram, for the sum of £3,070, which sum the said Charles Wilson Peale hath paid into the hands of the agents of the said county. Deed dated the twelfth day of November last.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to Thomas Lawrence, James Budden and John Dunlap, conveying a certain tract or piece of land situate in Blockley township, in the county of Philadelphia, beginning at a stake in a line of land late belonging to John Hughes; thence by the said John Hughes's land north eighty-five degrees east one hundred and fifty-seven perches and seven-tenth parts of a perch to a stone; thence by land of the widow Shaw and Charles Allen, south five degrees east one hundred and one perches and an half to a stake; thence by land of Wilson and Thomas Roberts, south eighty-five degrees west one hundred and fifty-seven perches and seven-tenth parts of a perch to a stake; thence by land of John Patton and company, north five degrees west one hundred and one perches and a half to the place of beginning; containing one hundred acres, seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Joseph Galloway, (subject to the yearly rent of twelve bushells and a half of merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State) for the sum of £25,000, three-fourth parts of which sum the said purchasers have paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the said county, (the other fourth part to be and remain in the hands of the purchasers for the purpose aforesaid.) Deed dated the fourth day of August, 1780.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Thomas Lawrence, James Budden and John Dunlap, conveying a certain tract of land situate in the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, bounded as follows, vizt: Beginning at a stone in Germantown road; thence by the said road north twenty-six degrees west 70 perches and two-tenth parts of a perch to a stone; thence by land of Henry Nagle, south 62 degrees west 134 perches & two-tenth parts of a perch to a stone; thence by ground of south 28 degrees east 70 perches and two-tenth parts of a perch to a stone on Turner's lane; thence by

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the said lane north 62 degrees east one hundred and thirty-one perches and two-tenth parts of a perch to the place of beginning; containing 58 acres and 35 perches, seized and sold agreeable to law as the estate late of Joseph Galloway, (subject to a yearly rent of 30 bushells of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, their successors & assigns,) for the sum of £60,000, three-fourth parts of which sum the said purchasers have paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the said county, (the other fourth part to be and remain in the hands of the purchasers for the purpose aforesaid.) Deed dated the 4th day of Aug'st, 1780.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, August 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.

Mr. Hambright, and

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble House of Assembly did lately authorize and impower this Council to borrow of any well disposed citizens a sum of money, not exceeding £200,000, Continental money:

Resolved, therefore, That the faith of the State be pledged to every person who will lend the State any money, for the repayment thereof in the same species as lent, whether gold or silver, State money or Continental, as soon as the state of the Treasury will permit.

Application being made by the Navy Board for permission to sell by vendue some damaged provision belonging to the United States,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Mitchell, Esq'r, D'y Q'r M'r Gen'l, for the sum of £50,000 Continental money, for purchasing materials for the making of tents for the Militia now called into service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William McCalla, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Bucks county, for the sum of £780, Continental money, for expences in purchasing cattle for the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the 1st day of June last.

An order was drawn in favour of Colonel Francis Johnston, for 5,000 dollars, Continental money, for expences in forwarding the Pennsylvania Volunteers to Head Quarters, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £555 7 6, for his wages from the first to the 31st of July last, at forty dollars ℔ day, & cash paid for sundry articles for the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, for the amount of £3,549 17 6, Continental money, in State money, at sixty for one, ballance of his account, for purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

The three following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, vizt:

One for the amount of £1,850, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, to be paid to William Sloan, of Lancaster county, for five head of beef cattle delivered to the said Philip Marsteller, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

One other for the amount of £1,550, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, to be paid to Thomas Edwards, for five head of beef cattle, delivered as aforesaid, agreeable to said act.

One other for the amount of £3,000, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, to be paid to Michael Straw, of said county, for eight head of beef cattle, delivered as aforesaid, agreeable to said act.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Aug'st 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Robert McMinn, for the sum of £132 11 6, Continental money, (to be paid in State money, at 60 for one,) agreeable to a decree of the Supreme Court, dated the 23d day of October, 1779, a debt due from the forfeited estate of Richard Swanwick.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Aug'st 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Hambright, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of £3,500, of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing flour for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Doctor James Hutchinson, for the sum of 14,000 dollars, Continental money, for the use of his department, as director of the Militia Hospital, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain J. Hubley, for the sum of £1,584 13 4, Continental money, for his expences in forwarding to camp the Pennsylvania Volunteers from the county of Lancaster.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Crispin, for the sum of £10,000, Continental money, to enable him to supply the Militia now called into service with necessaries, for which sum he is to be accountable.

A letter from Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer of the United States, requesting information of the intentions of the Board respecting two warrants, dated June 29th, for 1,796,950 dollars, and another for four million five hundred and sixty-nine thousand & forty-five dollars and thirty-ninetieths, was read; and

Resolved, That an answer be given.

Which was done.

A letter from his Excellency Governor Jefferson, of Virginia, dated the 17th of July, enclosing a resolution of the Legislature, confirming the line agreed on by the Commissioners in August, 1779, between the two States, on certain conditions, was read; and

Ordered, To be laid before the Assembly at their next meeting.

A letter from Governor Greene, of Rhode Island, dated the 23d of July, inclosing a resolution of the General Assembly, requesting that one McIntosh Alexander, an inhabitant of that State, lately captured & brought in a prisoner to this port, may be liberated and sent thither, were read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the same be forwarded to the Commissary of Prisoners in this city, who is desired to report thereon to this Board.

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An application from Mathew Irwin for leave to sell by auction two hundred barrells of fish, as a perishable commodity.

Resolved, That the same be farther considered.

A letter from Colonel Brodhead, dated the twenty-first day of July, were also read.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Aug'st 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Lacey,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Nicholas Conrad, for the sum of £4,000, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, to be by him paid to Nicholas Lutz, Esq'r, Commissioner of purchases for Berks county, for purchasing the supplies for the army, to be charged to account of the said Nich's Lutz.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to Abraham Rex, conveying a tract or piece of land in Bristol township, in the county of Philadelphia, beginning at a corner of Jacob Engle's land; thence by the line dividing the township of Bristol and Germantown south fifty-one degrees east forty-three perches and a half to a corner of Thomas Nearos' land; thence by the same north 39 degrees east 72 perches and six-tenths to a corner of Derrick Lukens' land; thence by the same north fifty-one degrees west 43 perches and five-tenths to a corner of the said Jacob Engle's land; thence by the same south thirty-nine degrees west 72 perches and six-tenths, to the place of beginning; containing nineteen acres and 118 perches: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Christopher Saur, Jun'r, to the said Abraham Rex, for the sum of £2,820, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the agents for forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the 14th day of June last.

Resolved, That Doctor James Hutchinson be appointed Director General of the Militia Hospitals, and that the Commissary do comply with the direction of the said Director in procuring necessary hospital stores.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed and directed to collect the quota of horses in the county of Chester; That they have full authority of this Board for so doing, under the direction of Colonel Andrew Boyd, Waggon Master of said county, to wit:

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David Denny, first battalion; Owen Thomas, second battalion; Joseph Luckey, third do.; David Wilson, fourth do.; Thomas Strawbridge, fifth do.; John Crosby, sixth do.; George Pierce, seventh do.; Joseph Spear, eighth do.; And that they be fully authorised to call such assistance as they shall think proper.

The Board taking into consideration the great and repeated demands made by his Excellency General Washington, for horses, have thought proper, & do hereby empower the Hon'ble John Lacey, junior, Esq'r, to give such directions and orders for securing a number in Bucks county as he shall think proper at this exigence, paying a due regard to such as are necessary for the farmer, & directing certificates to be given when appraisement shall be made, such horses to be deemed a part of the quota of the township to which the owners belong; and all officers, civil and military, are hereby required to aid and assist him herein, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Aug'st 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of 3000 dollars, in part of his pay, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £500, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, coffee, &ca., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, for the sum of £5000, in part of his salary, and place the same to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, for the sum of £300 of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, to be by him paid to Conrad Kreider, Esq'r, Waggon master of the county of Northampton, for the use of his department as Waggon master, for which he is to be accountable.

A deed was examined & signed by his Excellency the President, to Charles Walker, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in the manor of Mooreland, in the county of Philadelphia, and accord-

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ing to a late survey thereof, bounded as follows, vizt: beginning at a corner stone in a line of John Butcher's land; thence extending south forty-eight degrees east one hundred and eighty-one perches and four-tenths of a perch to another corner stone in the said Butcher's land; thence by Jonathan Comley's land north forty-two degrees east ninety perches to a corner stone; thence north forty-eight degrees west 181 perches and four-tenths of a perch to a corner stone in a line of Joseph Mitchell's land; thence partly by the said Mitchell's land and partly by Casper Fetter's land south forty-two degrees west ninety perches to the place of beginning; containing one hundred acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold as the estate late of Joseph Comley, agreeable to law, (subject to the yearly rent of twelve bushells and eleven-twentieth parts of good merchantable wheat, by half yearly payments, payable to the Trustees of the University, their successors or assigns,) for the consideration of £25,100, three-fourth parts of which sum the said Charles Walker hath paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the said county, the other one-fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the 31st day of July last.

The petition of George Haughton, convicted of misprision of treason at a Court of Oyer & Terminer, held at Philadelphia the seventh day of March last, and sentenced by the said court to forfeit one half of his goods and chattles, lands and tenements, to the State, and to be imprisoned during the continuance of the present war, was read, setting forth that he is in a distressed situation, and praying a pardon for the said offence.

On consideration,

Ordered, That a pardon do issue to the said George Haughton, on condition that he enters on board the Confederacy Ship of War, in the service of the United States, and serve during the present war.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Hon'ble Joseph Gardner, Esq'r, all the rollers now in his possession, and as much coarse linnen as will be necessary for bandages for the Militia now ordered into service, to be charged to the United States.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Aug'st 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of £1,290, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper and McIlhatton, & Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood, and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the third to the thirtieth day of July last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Steiner and Cist, for the amount of £210, Continental money, in State money at the rate of sixty for one, amount of their account for printing.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Colonel John Bull, for three small pieces or parcels of lands, situate in Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia; one of them beginning at a corner of land now or late of John Adam Gruber, from thence extending by the same north-east by the Germantown line; thence north by east, by the same, to a corner of land late Peter Shoemaker's and John Bartholemew's; thence by the same south-west to a stone, set for a corner, by Germantown street; thence by the said street seventy-eight feet and four inches to the place of beginning; containing by computation six acres one hundred forty-six perches and eleven foot of land: One other of them, adjoining the above, beginning at a stone set for a corner on the north-east side of Germantown main street; thence by the said John Adam Gruber's land north-east forty-two perches and a half, to a stone set for a corner; thence north-west twelve feet, to the above described lot; thence along the same line south-west forty-two perches and a half, to the side of the main street aforesaid; thence by the same south-east twelve feet, to the place of beginning; containing by computation thirty square perches three-quarters of a square perch and fifty-one square feet of land: And one other of them, situate on the cross street called Bowman's lane, in Germantown aforesaid, containing in breadth on the said lane nineteen perches and two-thirds of a perch, and in depth fourteen perches; bounded south-eastward by the said lane, north-eastward by William Tustin's, late Godfrey Bockius' land; north-westward by John Keyser's land; & south-westward by a lott of Henry Hill, late George Herriger's. Seized and sold as the estate

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late of Christopher Saur, printer, for the sum of £9,930, to the said John Bull, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the day of , 17 .

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Aug'st 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. James Read, (now first returned from his family.)

The Board having taken into consideration the conduct of Rufus Gardner, late Commander of the Privateer Enterprize, in harbouring deserters from the American army, countenancing his crew in insulting Lieutenants Bigham and Bevans, two officers of the said army, while searching for deserters, and afterwards discharging them without taking any measures to secure them for the publick service,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that on Captain Gardner's paying the sum of four thousand one hundred and ninety-three dollars, being the expences attending Lieutenants Bigham and Bevans prosecuting the complaint, and assuring this Board that he will, to the utmost of his power, discountenance such like conduct on board any vessel he may hereafter command, his commission to be returned to him, and discharged from his recognizance.

Ordered, That John Beaton be appointed paymaster of the Militia of the county of Chester.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Bull and Armstrong, Commissioners for procuring of cattle in the county of Philadelphia, or their order, for the amount of £2,991 10, Continental money, their wages and expences in purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the first of June last, to be paid in State money, at 60 for one.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, or his order, for the sum of £8,000, Continental money, for paying the workmen & labourers employed at the fortifications in the river Delaware, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenants Bigham and Bevans, for the sum of 4,193 dollars, Continental

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money, for their expences in coming to Philadelphia to support a complaint against Capt'n Rufus Gardner.

An application from Thomas Lawrence and James Budden, on behalf of themselves and others, was read, setting forth that they had purchased at a vendue of confiscated estates, a tract of land on Germantown Road, in the Northern liberties in the county of Philadelphia, late the estate of Joseph Grieswold; that one Grieswold is in possession of the premisses, and refuses to deliver them up: Whereupon, they have prayed the aid of this Board to cause possession to be given them, agreeable to the act of Assembly; and the said act being considered,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia do give possession of the said premises to them, the said Thomas Lawrence and James Budden and others, in due form of law, they paying the incidental expences.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hazzlewood, Esq'r, for the sum of £5000 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Aug'st 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Read,	Mr. Arndt.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Crispin, Commissary, for the amount of £14,000, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, for purchasing stores for the Militia Hospital, the said Commissary to be accountable.

Ordered, That Mr. James Loughead be appointed paymaster of the Militia of the city of Philadelphia and districts annexed.

A letter from Colonel Lewis Nichola, of this day, was read, representing that Thomas Murphy, Henry Cook, Alexander Drisdell, and Jack, a Negro, now confined in the goal of this city, are willing to enlist to serve during the present war in the line of this State, and requesting an order of this Board for remission of their fines and their enlargement; thereupon,

Ordered, That their several fines be remitted and they be released from confinement, on condition of their enlisting as afores'd, & paying their goal fees.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of £3000, Continental money, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Hambright, for the sum of £1,500, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this Board that a number of horses are immediately wanted for the publick service; therefore,

Resolved, That Majors Alexander, Boyd and Philip Pancake, be authorized and directed to seize from persons disaffected, who have not taken the oath or affirmation of allegiance, in this city and liberties, any number not exceeding 30 horses or mares, to be appraised in specie, by two indifferent persons, and certificates to be granted for the amount thereof, payable with interest.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Board that two lean cows, the property of Elijah Weed, were seized by Colonel John Hannums, one of the Commiss'rs of Chester county, for purchasing provisions for the use of the army, and delivered to John Kitts; which cattle were designed by the said Weed for the use of his family:

Resolved, That Mr. John Kitts be ordered to deliver the aforesaid two cows to the order of Captain Elijah Weed, he having first proved his property by affidavit, which proof, together with a copy of this order, shall be left with Mr. Kitts as a voucher for such delivery.

A letter from Timothy Pickering, Esq'r, Quarter Master General, dated the 10th instant, was read, informing the Council of his appointment of Colonel Sam'l Miles, as Deputy Quarter Master for the State of Pennsylvania, and recommending him to the approbation of this Board, agreeable to the plan for regulating the department of the Quarter Master General, established by Congress on the 15th day of July last; thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board doth approve of the said appointment, and that a letter be wrote to Colonel Pickering, signifying the same; which was done accordingly.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Sunday, Aug'st 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. James Read,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Gardner.

The Council being now informed that a quantity of boots have lately been sent to Camp by the State Clothier; Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said boots be immediately returned to the State store in this city.

A very considerable body of Militia of this State being now under marching orders, the Council took into consideration the propriety of advising his Excellency the President, to take the command thereof in person at this critical time, when the most vigorous and decisive efforts are intended to be made. And thereupon, agreed unanimously, that this Council do advise his Excellency the President, to command the Militia in person.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Aug'st 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Arndt, &
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright.

WHEREAS, Information hath been made to this board, that great quantities of flour hath been shipp'd on board outward bound vessels, notwithstanding the Embargo laid by the authority of this State; therefore,

Resolved, That Captain Nathan Boys do fit out two boats properly manned, under the command of Captains Roach and Beezley, who are hereby authorized and directed to seize any vessel or vessels outward bound, they may suspect to have on board provisions more than what is specified in their manifests, and unload such vessel or vessels at the piers at Mud Island. If on examination they find provisions more than is mentioned in their manifests, then to send said vessel or vessels and their cargoes up to this city, to the care of the Naval Officer. But if no provision be found on board more than is expressed in their manifest, then to load the vessel or vessels at the publick expence, and discharge her, so that she may proceed on her voyage.

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Resolved, That Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, Esquire, be appointed superintendant of the Commissioners for purchasing provisions and forage for the army, and of the Waggon Masters of the State, with a salary of £1000 per annum in specie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, for the sum of £20,000 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, to be by him forwarded as occasion may require, to the several Commissioners for purchasing the specifick supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of 2,000 dollars, for fitting out two boats, under the command of Captains Roach and Beezley, to proceed down the river, in order to search vessels outward bound who may be carrying away provisions contrary to the Embargo.

Application being made to this board by Andrew Bunner and Company, for permission to take on board the ship Charming Sally, Commanded by Alexander Holmes, forty-eight barrels of fish.

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be directed to enter the same in the usual form.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster, for the sum of £25,854 10, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, now called into service, for which the said Paymaster is to account, being monies arising from Militia fines, and paid on the 12th instant by Col'l William Henry, Lieut't, into the hands of the Treasurer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer as follows, viz't:—In favour of Captain William Mackey, for the sum of 4,880 dollars; in favour of Lieutenant David Coulstone, for the sum of 4,270 dollars; and in favour of Ensign Philip Gallagher, for the sum of 3,600 dollars; amounting in the whole to the sum of 12,750 dollars; for their expences in forwarding to Camp the York county Volunteers, agreeble to their account.

A letter from Mathew Gregg, Esquire, of the county of Cumberland, dated the day of , resigning his office of Waggon Master for the said county, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Robert Culbertson, Esq'r, be appointed Waggon Master of the said county, in the room of the said Mathew Gregg.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Aug'st 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. James Read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, or his order, for the sum of 16,000 dollars, Continental money, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, paymaster of the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of 20,530 dollars, Continental money, for the purpose of paying the Militia now called into service from the city and liberties, to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of four thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, now called into service, to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, to be by him repaid out of the monies arising from militia fines.

A letter from the Hon'ble Board of War, of the 15th instant, inclosing two letters, one of the 14th, from General Dickinson of New Jersey, respecting the march of the Militia of this State, and intimating a scarcity of supplies; and the other of the 12th, from John Patton, requesting exemption from Militia duty for sundry workmen employed at his furnace, on the publick account, were read, and an answer was written to the Board.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Aug'st 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright.

Mr. Arndt, &

Application being made by the Continental Navy Board for permission to sell by publick vendue a quantity of timber, plank, and

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other naval stores, the property of the United States; thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £3,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Aug'st 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

A return of Justices from the township of Bedford, in the county of Bedford, being read, by which it appears that Andrew Todd and William Proctor, Esq'rs, were duly elected Justices of the said township.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Andrew Todd, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace of the county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A letter was written to Colonel Lewis Nichola, requesting him to use his utmost endeavours, either personally or by any commissioned prudent officer, to be appointed by him, to detect and secure all deserters from the Continental army that may be found on board any ships or vessels in this port, with a direction to the Captains, or other officers, on board such vessels, to aid and assist him therein, and in case of any opposition, that he report to this Board the names of the persons so offending, that they may be dealt with as the case may require; and the said Colonel Nichola was also requested to report to this Board his success in the said business.

The application from Matthew Irwin, for leave to ship for the West Indies 200 barrels of fish, was resumed; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be granted, and that the Naval Officer be directed to enter the same in the usual form.

The petition of Moses Lamb, who being bound in recognizance for the appearance of a certain Benjamin Nugent at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Carlisle, for the county of Cumberland, and the said Nugent not appearing, the same became forfeited, was read, praying remission of the same, and he being recommended to this Board by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said forfeiture be remitted, on satisfying the officers to whom fees may be due thereon.

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A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Chester, setting forth that debts were due to them from the Commissioners and contractors of the hospital, and that the collectors of the taxes are calling upon them for their taxes, and praying the aid of this Board therein, was read, and the same was dismissed.

A petition from divers of the township Assessors in the county of Chester, praying exemption from Militia duty, was read, and dismissed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Aug'st 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Read.

A return of an election of two persons recommended as Justices of the Peace for Derry township, was read, but the said return being totally deficient in point of law and form, mentioning neither the name of the county, day of the month, nor having any reference to the law directing the mode or manner of electing Justices,

Resolved, That the said return be dismissed, and that Abraham Samford and John McIlhatton, the subscribing Judges of the said election, be informed of this resolution; that they may take the proper steps for rectifying the mistake.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Steiner and Cist, for the amount of £421 16, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, agreeable to their account for printing.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Aug'st 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'be WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Gardner.

Ordered, That John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases for the city of Philadelphia, be directed to deliver to Major William Armstrong one hogshead of rum containing 118 gallons,

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for the use of the workmen and labourers employed at the fortifications on Mud Island.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Thomas Smith, Esquire, of the county of Bedford, or his order, three hundred weight of gunpowder, twelve hundred weight of lead, and 1,000 flints, to be by him forwarded to Colonel John Piper, Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for the use of the Militia of s'd county.

A deed was examined and signed by Hon'ble the Vice President, to Messrs. Christian Wertz, John Schaffer and Jacob Geiger, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and lot of ground, situate on the north-east corner of Second and Sassafrass streets, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth north and south nineteen feet, and in depth 100 feet: bounded southward by Sassafrass street, eastward by a four feet wide alley, which divides this lot from another lot late of John Parrock, (now sold to Peter Paris,) northward by another messuage and lot, late of the said John Parrock, now belonging to the trustees of the University of the State of Pennsylvania; and westward by Second street aforesaid, together with the free use and priviledge of the said four feet wide alley: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, (attainted of high treason,) to the said Christian Wertz, John Schaffer and Jacob Geiger, for the sum of £40,000, Continental money, (subject to a yearly rent of twenty bushels of good merchantable wheat, by half yearly payments, to the trustees of the University of this State,) three-fourth parts of which sum they have paid into the hands of the agents for forfeited estates in the city of Philadelphia, the other one-fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the nineteenth day of August instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Aug'st 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read.
Mr. Arndt, and

The Board having received information that the Yellow Fever rages in a great degree at Charles Town, in South Carolina,

Ordered, That Captain Nathan Boys be directed to prevent any vessels whatever from any port of South Carolina, to come higher up than Mud Island, untill examined by the Health Officer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Shippen, Esq'r, for the sum of £5,000, Continental money, to be

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paid in State money, at the rate of sixty to one, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Joseph Gardner, Esq'r, for the sum of 12,000 dollars, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Doctor David Jackson, Quarter Master to the Militia now called into service, all the tents now in his possession.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Aug'st 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Read, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of six hundred dollars, to be paid in State money, at sixty for one, for one year's pay due to him as Town Major, ending the nineteenth instant.

A deed was examined & signed by the Hon'ble the Vice President, to William Lawrence, conveying a certain lott of ground situate on Third and George streets, in the Liberties of Philadelphia, being twenty-two feet and a half wide on the said streets, and two hundred feet in depth: Bounded west by Third street; north by William Ball's lot; east by George street; and south by John Morris's lot, subject to a ground rent of £8 6, payable to William Hockley, and also £2 14 payable to Luke Morris, seized & sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of George Harding, for the sum of £900, which sum of £900 the said William Lawrence hath paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the county of Philadelphia. Deed dated the 22d day of August instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Aug'st 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Gardner.
Mr. Arndt, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Doctor David Jackson, Quarter Master to the Militia now called into service, for

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the sum of 25,000 dollars, Continental money, for the purpose of procuring sundry articles for the said militia, & paying contingent expences, for which he is to account. The said sum to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia & Liberties, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

John Mitchell, Esq'r, late D'y Q'r M'r General, attended in Council, and paid into the hands of the Hon'ble the Vice President, the sum of £700, Continental money, the rent of the bridge on the river Schuylkill, for the month of July.

Ordered, That the same be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, which was done accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Isaac Serrill, for the amount of £5,850, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one; to be by him paid to Adam Richards, for thirteen head of beef cattle, seized for the use of the Continental army by Colonel Philip Marsteller, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Lancaster, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

Ordered, That Jacob Saylor, Esq'r, of the town of Bedford, in the county of Bedford, be appointed & commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the said county.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the 22d instant, informing this Board that a majority of the United States have passed laws adopting the resolutions of the Hon'ble Congress of the 18th of March last, for calling in the bills in circulation, and emitting new bills on certain funds, was read, and the same was ordered to be filed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Aug'st 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Reed, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Fleming, for the amount of 7,427 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, to be by him paid to Mr. Joseph Gladden, for five cattle delivered to Thomas Heslip, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Chester, for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

Two letters from his Excellency the President, were read; one of them dated the 21st of August instant, urging the necessity of

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a speedy collection of the fines due for neglect of militia duty: And the other dated the twenty-third instant, enclosing one from his Excellency General Washington, countermanding the orders issued for marching the militia under the command of his Excellency the President, for the present, and requesting that the militia in the back counties may be ordered not to march immediately, but to hold themselves in readiness to move upon the shortest notice.

Whereupon, letters were written to the Lieutenants of the counties of Lancaster, York and Cumberland, agreeable to the said letter.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Aug'st 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.
Mr. Reed, and

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Aug'st 26, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Reed, Mr. Whitehill, (now first returned from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Charles Deshler, for the sum of £1,000, of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, to be by him paid to Colonel David Deshler, Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Northampton, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army; to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, Superintendent, &ca., and deducted out of an order granted him the fourteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Robert Wilson, for £5,800, Continental money, to be by him paid to John Beaton, Esquire, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Chester, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county; now called into service, for which the said Paymaster is to account; the same to be charged to Colonel Robert Smith, Lieutenant of the

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s'd county, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from Militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Robert Wilson, for the amount of eight thousand three hundred & thirty-four dollars, Continental money, in state money, at 60 for one, to be by him paid to Philip Scott, Esq'r, for five head of beef cattle delivered to Thomas Heslip, Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Chester, for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the 1st day of June last.

Resolved, That William Scott, Esq'r, of the county of Bucks, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Scott, Esq'r, Paymaster of the militia of the said county, for the sum of £125,000 Continental money, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county now called into service; The same to be charged to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the said county, to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Joseph Dolby, for the sum of £210 Continental money, for ringing the bells of Christ church on yesterday, being the birth day of his most Christian Majesty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Jesse Bonsall, for the amount of 20,000 dollars Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, for six head of beef cattle delivered to John Crosby, Jun'r, Commissioner of purchases in the county of Chester, for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the 1st day of June last.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, setting forth their defenceless situation in case the German regiment should be withdrawn; that they are not any longer able to support themselves against the inroads of the savages, & praying some relief from this Board, was read, together with letters from Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant, and Mathew Smith, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the said county, of the 18th instant, on the same subject.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Gen'l Assembly at their next meeting.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Aug'st 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read, &
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Whitehill.

The petition of Mary Baker, convicted of felony, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of £450, was read, setting forth that she is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Sterrett be appointed Muster Master of the militia now in service under the command of his Excellency the President of the State.

William Henry, Esq'r, presented to the Council an order of Congress, in the following words, to wit:

IN CONGRESS, May 19th, 1780.

300,000 dollars.

GENTLEMEN:—Pay to James Wilkinson, Esquire, Clothier General, or his order, the sum of 300,000 dollars, part of the monies raised in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of the United States, to be applied in the hide department, and for which sum the said James Wilkinson is to be accountable.

By order of Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, *Presid't.*

To his Excellency the Presid't and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Entered in the Auditor Gen'ls office the 22d May, 1780.

JOSEPH NOURSE, A. A. G'l.

Altho' the state of the treasury will not admit of the immediate payment of this order, yet, as Mr. Wilkinson agrees to receive the money as it shall come into the treasury,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier General, and that the order for so doing be endorsed on the said draft in the following words, viz't:

In Council, Philad'a, Monday, Aug'st 28th, 1780.

For 300,000 dollars.

SIR:—Pay to James Wilkinson, Esq'r, Clothier Gen'l, or his order, the sum of 300,000 dollars, agreeable to the within draft, and charge the same to the United States of America.

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Resolved, That Robert Lollar, Esq'r, of the county of Philadelphia, be appointed Pay Master of the militia of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum £5,374 Continental money, to be paid in state money, at the rate of sixty for one, amount of money due to the officers and men of the gallies, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the 29th of July last to the 26th instant.

A deed was examined & signed by the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, to Margaret Dawson, conveying a certain tract of land situate in the township of West Caln, in the county of Chester, bounded as follows, vizt:

Beginning at a post, a corner of land of Thomas Babb; thence by the said Thomas Babb's land and lands of Sam'l Sintclair and Samuel Fisher north eighty-two degrees west two hundred and sixty-three perches to a marked black oak; thence by land of Mrs. Key and by land of William Law south 23 degrees west 212 perches to a marked black oak; thence by land of Stanford south 64 degrees east seventy-six perches to a post; thence by the said land south one degree and a half west 48 perches to a post; thence still by the said Stanford's land south 32 degrees east twenty perches to a corner of land of Alex'r McPherson's by the side of a run of water; thence by the said Alexander McPherson's land north 83 degrees east 177 perches to a marked black oak, a corner of land of Francis Alexander; thence by the same north 15 degrees east 108 perches to a heap of stones; thence still by the same land north 86 degrees east 84 perches to a stone, a corner of land of William Dawson; thence by the same north three degrees west 150 perches to the place of beginning; containing four hundred and fifty acres, be the same more or less, seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of David Dawson, for the sum of £17,250, which sum the said Margaret Dawson hath paid into the hands of the agents for forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-eighth day of August, 1780.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Aug't 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Arndt.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Chester, for the amount of 12,775 dollars, Continental money, in

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State money, at 60 for one, ballance of his account for purchasing cattle in the said county for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Heslit, for the amount of 4,333 dollars and one-third, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, to be by him paid to Philip Dougherty for twenty-five sheep, purchased from him for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Evans, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Chester, for the amount of 3200 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, to be by him paid to Sarah Eachus, for one steer and ten sheep, purchased by the said William Evans for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the amount of 4,808 dollars and sixty-ninetieths, Continental money in State money, at 60 for one, ballance of his acco't for repairing the barracks.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Hon'ble Timothy Matlack, Esq'r, for the sum of £3,000 in Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

A letter from Mr. John Currie, of Saucon township, in the county of Northampton, dated the 12th day of August, 1780, inclosing a commission from this Board appointing him a Lieutenant in the fourth Company of foot in the fourth Battalion of the Militia of the said county, & praying leave to resign the same, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Aug'st, 30th, 1780.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Thompson, (now first returned from his family.)
Mr. Whitehill.	

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles be directed to deliver to Messrs. Moses and Clarkson the gun powder belonging to them now in the State magazine.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £3,000 Continental money, for purchasing

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sundry articles for the militia now in service, for which he is to account; the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

The petition of Elizabeth Wild, convicted of larceny at a court of General Quarter Sessions held at Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, for the said county, the twenty-second instant, and sentenced by the said court to receive fifteen lashes on her bare back on the 2d day of October next, and pay a fine to the use of the State equal to the value of the goods stolen, was read, praying a pardon for the said offence, and she being recommended by the Justices of the said court, and others, inhabitants of the said county; Thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Aug'st 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Scott, (now first returned from his family.)

On application,

Ordered, That a suit of clothes of black be furnished by Colonel Lewis Farmer to the Rev'd Mr. Robert McMurdy, Chaplain to the first Pennsylvania brigade, in the same manner as has been furnished to other Clergymen; the same to be accounted for by him in the next distribution of clothing to the Pennsylvania line.

The Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, having reported to the Council that William Amberson, Esq'r, Commiss'r of Purchases for the county of Westmoreland, resigned on or before the third instant, and that at his request John Perry, Esq'r, of the said county, hath since acted in his stead, and recommending him, the said John Perry, as a proper person to be appointed to the said office; Whereupon, the Board taking into their consideration the said recommendation,

Resolved, That John Perry, Esquire, of the county of Westmoreland, be appointed Commissioner of Purchases for the said county, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the twenty-third day of March last.

A memorial from James Mease, Samuel Caldwell and George Haynes, setting forth their intention to purchase, by their agents,

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in the Island of Bermuda, a vessel to be cleared out from thence for Turk's Island, and there to ship salt for this place, was read, praying the concurrence of this Board therein, and the papers necessary to carry the said plan into execution.

On consideration, therefore,

Resolved, That the same cannot be granted.

A petition from Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, was read, praying an increase of his wages; thereupon,

Resolved, That he be allowed sixty dollars ℔ day from the first day of September next, for his services as Door-keeper.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Septem'r 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Scott.
Mr. Thompson,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Samuel Miles, for the sum of £3,640, Continental money, for his services ninety-one days, as one of the auditors of the publick accounts, at £40 per day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £514 2 6, amount of his account for his wages from the first to the 31st day of August last, at 40 dollars per day, and sundry expences for articles purchased for the use of the Council.

A letter from Colonel Valentine Eckart, of the 30th ult., was read, informing this Board that divers persons have been murdered by the Indians on the frontiers of the county of Berks.

Whereupon, a letter was written to his Excellency the President, requesting that two companies of the militia from the said county, now under his command, be sent for the protection thereof, if the same shall appear to him to be necessary.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the amount of £1,440, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, money due to Colonel Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Rielly and M'Ilhatton, & Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments for 4 weeks, ending the 27th of August last.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Septem'r 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Scott, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Dunton, for the sum of 145 dollars, for his expences in securing the body of a certain Henry Strouss, by order of his Excellency the President.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Francis Bailey, printer, for the sum of 12,988 dollars, Continental money, for sundry articles purchased by him and delivered to Colonel Ryan, for the use of the militia called into service, the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Cooke, for the amount of 6,000 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, to be by him paid to William Hay, Esquire, for five head of cattle, delivered to the said Jacob Cooke as Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Lancaster, for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to act of the General Assembly, passed the 1st day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jacob Cooke, Esq'r, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Lancaster, for the amount of 6,733 dollars and one-third, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, for five head of cattle, purchased by him for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour Joseph Deane, Esq'r, for the sum of £5,000, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, for his services as one of the auditors of the publick accounts, one hundred & twenty-five days, at £40 per day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William M'Calla, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Bucks, for the amount of £1,010 2 6, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, to be by him paid to Mr. Thomas Long, for his expences as Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the said county, for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to an act of General Assembly, passed the 1st day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Cooke, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Lan-

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caster, for the amount of £450, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, his commission for purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £10,000, Continental money, for paying the workmen employed at the fortifications at Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions for them, for which sum he is to account.

The petition of Edward West, of Tyrone Township, in the county of Cumberland, setting forth, that he had forfeited a recognizance entered into by him for his appearance at the court of Quarter Sessions held in July last, for the said county, in a case of an assault and battery upon a certain James Fisher, and praying this Board to remit the forfeiture, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A deed was examined and signed by the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, to James Funston and John Funston, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in Penn township, in the county of Northampton, bounded as follows, vizt: beginning at a white oak sapling; thence by land now or late vacant all round south 24 degrees east 70 perches to a stone; south 68 degrees west 198 perches to a stone; north 51 degrees west 124 perches to a stone; north 57 degrees east 118 perches to a stone; and east 152 perches to the place of beginning; containing 142 acres and 32 perches, and the allowance of six acres per cent. for roads, &ca; Seized and sold as the estate late of Joshua Thomas, agreeable to law, for the sum of £960 15, to the said James Funston and John Funston, which sum they have paid into the hands of the agents for forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the 2d instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Septem'r 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, &
Mr. Thompson,	Gen'l Lacey.
Mr. Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Purviance, Esq'r, for the amount of £2,600, Continental, in State money, at 60 for one, for his services sixty-five days, as one of the auditors of the publick accounts, at £40 per day.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Sept'r 5th, 1780, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, &
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Whitehill.

The petition of Joseph Burns, convicted of adultry and bastardy, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at the borough of Chester, for the county of Chester, in August last, and sentenced by the said court to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £2,000, was read, praying remission of the said fine; and he being recommended to this board by divers inhabitants of the said county,

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Robert Whitehill, Esq'r, for the sum of £400 Continental money, in part of his pay, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Thompson, for the sum of £600, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Sept'r 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Scott.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military stores, be directed to deliver to Captain John Ball the gunpowder lately lodged by him in the publick magazine.

The Lieutenants of Chester and Philadelphia counties, and of the city of Philadelphia, having suggested sundry doubts on the militia law, in consequence of which they delayed proceeding against delinquents.

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Resolved, That the Chief Justice, Justice Bryan, and the Attorney General, be requested to give the Board their opinion thereupon, and in consequence a letter was sent to each, stating the points in which their opinion was required, and requesting their attendance in Council to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Hon'ble Mr. Holker, Consul of France, having certified that he had shipped 200 barrels of flour on board the Schooner L'amiable, Captain d Russey, consigned to Monsieur D Vaivve, Intendant & Commissary at Cape Francois, on account of the fleet and armies of his most Christain Majesty; and 800 barrels of flour on board the Polacre, called the Count de Argourt, to be delivered to Monsieur Le Brasieur, the present Intendant and Commissary ordinature at that port.

Resolved, That permissions be granted the said vessels to clear out of this port, the Captains conforming to the act of Assembly of this State, entitled An act for regulating navigation and trade in this State.

A letter from Colonel Brodhead, dated the twenty-first day of August, 1780, was read, representing a scarcity of provisions at Fort Pitt, and enclosing a recruiting account of Captain Van Swearingen.

A petition from Elias Lewis Friechell, was read, representing that in the year 1777 he had sold to Lawrence Fegan, an attainted traitor, a house for £800, on which Fegan had took up a mortgage of £200, and paid him in cash £195; that the said house had been lately sold by the agents for confiscated estates, and that he had become a purchaser for £48,000 Continental money; that he had approved himself a faithful subject of this State on all occasions, and suffered greatly during the contest, and that he had made the said purchase in consequence of some encouragement given him by this Board, or some members thereof, and praying some relief: Whereupon, the said petition being considered, and some time spent thereupon,

Resolved, That upon the said Elias Lewis Friechell's paying to the Treasurer of the State the sums above mentioned, viz:—£200 and £195 with the interest thereon respectively, as the same were paid by the said Fegan, and quit claiming all demands on the State as a creditor of the said Fegan, this Board will direct a deed to be executed of the premises in fee simple, and that on non-compliance herewith the agents of confiscated estates do proceed with the estate as in other cases.

Sundry letters from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing divers resolutions of that body, were also read:

First. Resolution dated 12th of August, on the memorial of the general officers, recommending a compensation to the officers and soldiers for the depreciation of their pay, and that Congress will liquidate and pay off what is due on that account, to officers and soldiers not belonging to the quota of any State.

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Second. Resolution that after the first day of August, 1780, the army be entitled to pay as stated before the first day of January, 1777, in new bills, emitted pursuant to the resolution of the 18th of March

Thirdly. That officers be allowed five dollars per month in the same new bills, for each retained ration.

Fourthly. That the Board of War report a list of the officers not of the quota of any State, with an account of the balance due to them, to make good their pay for past services, agreeable to a resolution of the 10th day of April last.

Fifthly. That such States as have not made compensation to their officers and soldiers, agreeable to the recommendations of the 17th of August, 1779, be and are requested to do it as soon as possible.

Sixthly. That the resolution passed the 16th of September, 1776, for granting lands, be extended to general officers, in the following proportion, viz:

Major General, one thousand one hundred acres.

Brigadier Gen'l, eight hundred & fifty acres.

Seventhly. That the officers be furnished with two months' pay as soon as possible.

Resolution dated the 25th of August, 1780, extending the half pay of Gen'l Officers, proportioned to their pay.

Resolution dated the 24th day of August, 1780, to enable the officers of the line commanding corps when in camp, to draw so many of the rations heretofore withheld, as the Commander in Chief, or of a separate army, shall judge necessary, but that no provision be issued for back rations not drawn on the day they became due. That if it shall appear that the subsistence money allowed to officers in lieu of rations withheld, is not equal to the cost of the rations, the deficiency shall hereafter be made up to them.

That the resolution of the 15th day of May, 1778, granting half pay for seven years to officers of the army who should continue in service to the end of the war, be extended to the widows of those who have died, or who shall hereafter die in the service, to commence from such death and continue for seven years; or if there be no widow, or in case of her death or intermarriage, such half pay to be given to the orphan children of such officer, and that it be recommended to the States to make provision therefor, on account of the United States.

That the restricting clause in the resolution of the fifteenth of May, 1778, granting half pay for seven years, but the same to cease upon holding any civil office of profit, be repealed.

Resolution dated the 25th day of August, 1780, giving rank as Major Generals in the line to Governors and Presidents of States, acting in conjunction with Continental troops.

Resolution dated the twenty-sixth day of August, 1780:

First. That the several States take the most effectual means in their power to draw in the respective quotas of the Continental

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bills of credit, to be destroyed either, by a tax, to be collected immediately, or by exchanging them for new bills, to be emitted on the act of the eighteenth of March.

Secondly. That the States raise by taxes, payable in the bills emitted, pursuant to the act aforesaid, or in specie, their respective quotas of three millions of dollars, agreeable to the appointment of the seventh of October, 1779, and pay the same into the Treasury of the United States as soon as possible; the payment to be fully compleated by the last of December, and each State be allowed interest for the same from the time it is paid, to be hereafter adjusted, according to a resolution of the 6th of Octo'r, 1779.

Thirdly. That the late Quarter Master General and Commissary Gen'l, and the present Commissary Gen'l, render an account to the Board of Treasury of all debts due by them on certificates, or otherwise, specifying the sum due in each State, that warrants may issue in their favours on the Treasurers of such States for payment of the same, out of the monies to be collected for the United States:

Which warrants being paid, shall be accepted by the Treasurer towards such State's quota of the monies to be raised as aforesaid; and it is further recommended to such States to provide that the certificates of the said Quarter Master General and Commissarys, & those who purchased under them, be received in payment of the said taxes to the amount of such warrants, under proper regulations for preventing frauds.

And to prevent the possibility of any depreciation in the bills to be emitted, agreeable to the act of the 18th of March, aforesaid, that it be most earnestly recommended to the several States, not to issue bills of credit for a currency, on any consideration whatever, to a greater amount than their respective quotas of the new bills stated in the act aforesaid; and that the bills of credit emitted by any of the States since the first day of January last, and redeemable in specie, at par, be considered as part of the proportion of the money reserved by the said act of the 18th of March, to the use of the State.

Resolved, That all and singular the creditors of these United States for supplies furnished the army, or the transportation thereof, shall be entitled to receive the just value of the sums due to them respectively in the bills of credit emitted, pursuant to the act of the 18th of March last; the value of the sums due to be ascertained according to the current value of Continental bills of credit compared with specie, at the time the money became due, at the place where the supplies were furnished, provided the same do not exceed the prices fixed for such supplies by the act of the 25th of February last, or a proportionate value for services done and articles furnished, not mentioned in the said act; but if the nominal sum in Continental currency contracted for when reduced to specie value as aforesaid, shall exceed the fixed prices aforesaid,

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the creditor shall be entitled to receive the amount of the supplies furnished or services done, at the said fixed or proportionate prices, in the new bills aforesaid, or the nominal sum contracted for in Continental bills of credit, and no more, at his election.

That the accounts being duly examined and adjusted by the rule aforesaid, by commissioners that may be appointed, agreeably to the resolution of the 12th of June last, to settle accounts of officers of the State departments in the several States, or by the officer who made the contract, or by whom the payment is to be made, the same shall be paid, or a certificate given for the sum justly due, certifying that the same hath been duly examined and adjusted, agreeably to the directions aforesaid; and if paid in the new bills, the interest on the said bills shall be computed to the date of such certificates.

That all debts due to the United States for monies received for their use, or otherwise, within any of these States, shall be paid according to the just value of the money when it was received or became due, to be ascertained as aforesaid.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHA'S THOMPSON, Sec'y.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Sept'r 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Thompson, Mr Lacey, Mr Arndt, and Mr. Hambright.

Doctor James Hutchinson & Colonel William Coates, a committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Board that the house was now met, and were ready to receive such business as the Council may have to lay before them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Samuel Blythe, for the sum of 7,000 dollars Continental money, for the expences of him and his Lieutenant, their pay and disbursements in collecting together the Cumberland county volunteers, & forwarding them to Head Quarters.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for the sum of £100,000 Continental money, for purchasing the supplies for the use of the Continental army, for which he is to account.

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A letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington, representing the particular necessity of the army at this time for want of provisions, particularly meat, in consequence of various disappointments, was read; and information having been given to the Council that there is a quantity of flour and salt provisions on board a prize in the river called the Lady Margaret,

Resolved, That Captain Hazlewood do, without loss of time, apply to the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty for the said provisions, the price to be fixed by two persons, one to be appointed by the Marshall, & the other by Captain Hazlewood, and that the same be forwarded immediately to camp, to relieve the present distress.

The Board taking into consideration the representation of sundry of the Lieutenants of the counties whose militia were lately called out, and being assisted with the advice of the Justices of the Supreme Court and Attorney General, on the militia law,

Resolved, First. That the Lieutenants do collect the fines from the delinquents for the whole tour of duty, vizt: Two months, that being the period for which they were called out.

Secondly. That when money has been advanced, the same be deducted from the pay, to be settled agreeable to law.

Thirdly. That the wages be paid for the time of service given, reckoning two days before they marched, and 15 miles per day returning from Trenton.

Fourthly. That the fines to be collected from delinquents be estimated only at the rate as fixed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, when the tour of duty commenced, but that the men who actually marched be paid at said rate untill the same was altered by the Justices, and to have the benefit of such alteration from the time it was made.

Application being made to this Board by Messrs. Bunner, Murray and Company, for permission to ship for the West Indies 30 barrels of Manhaydon fish, on board the schooner;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be granted; and the Naval Officer be directed to enter the said fish, in the usual form.

The following message from the Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved and signed, vizt:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philad'a, Sept'r 7th, 1780.

A Message from the Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:

The state of our publick affairs is in many respects so critical and interesting, that we esteem your present meeting a happy

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event, and doubt not you will employ it in devising such measures as may tend to remove any temporary difficulties, and relieve the publick necessities, which, it must be admitted, are great and pressing.

We have, in the best manner our circumstances and ability permitted, carried into execution the plan of specifick supplies recommended by the Hon'ble Congress, and adopted by your Honourable house in April last. But there have been so many and such pressing exigencies constantly arising, as added to the difficulty of procuring money sufficient to answer the advanced prices of all commodities, have made the execution of this system peculiarly arduous and uncertain.

We have endeavoured by every means in our power, to promote the free circulation of the money issued by the State for supplying the army. In most parts of the State it has been happily effectual for this purpose. We have to lament an equal disposition has not been manifested in others, and especially by those whose situation and circumstances would have decided its general and universal currency. As the quotas of the several States are fixed on a scale of proportion affecting the political and economical interests of the State, you will doubtless think it proper that all supplies furnished by the inhabitants of the State, be brought into the general compliance with the requisition of Congress, so far as that the same be estimated in the quota of this State.

The very great deficiencies of some counties in the payment of taxes, will, we hope, become an object of the attention of the House, and some mode fallen upon to guard against future delinquency. That those counties which were exposed to the devastation of the enemy, and the inhabitants to consequent poverty and temporary distress, should be so far advanced of those whose situation was secure and their business uninterrupted, argues a defect in our civil police that ought to be investigated & remedied without delay. Upon the punctual execution of these laws, Gentlemen, our most valuable and important interests depend, and we hope you will not think time mispent in making a very particular inquiry how far your laws have been obeyed or neglected in this respect.

The bravery of your troops, the skill of your officers, the attention of your magistrates, and cares of other civil officers, will be vain, if a regular, fixed and competent revenue cannot be secured to answer the publick exigencies. The spirit, wisdom, patience & porseverance of the good people of this State, have been too frequently manifested in this great contest, to admit a doubt the real sincere friends of their country will be wanting to themselves, or in firmness to compel those of a different character to perform this necessary publick duty.

We lay before you sundry resolutions of the Hon'ble Continental Congress for your consideration, and also, sundry letters from the Commander-in-Chief of the Federal army, conveying more

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perfect information of the requisitions on this State, and of the publick necessities, than any detail in our power could communicate.

We have also the satisfaction to lay before your Hon'ble House the determination of the Legislature of Virginia on the disputed boundary between the two States.

The prospect of an amicable termination of this unhappy controversy cannot but be acceptable to every good man and faithfull citizen, and we have no doubt this overture will be improved into a full and final accommodation, consistent with the rights of individuals and the honour of the State.

We shall be ready to give every assistance in the line of our duty to make the present sessions useful to the State, and Hon'ble and convenient to the House.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Whereupon, the Hon'ble Mr. Scott & General Lacey, were appointed a committee of this Board, to present the same to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the 27th ult., having been read, representing, "That the great part of "the army had been without meat for five days, and that he had "no information of more than one hundred and twenty head ex- "pected from Pennsylvania, and 150 from Massachusetts Bay; and "also, that the supplies of flour in camp were so reduced as to "have but one day's provisions on hand, and that unless the most "vigorous exertions were made by the several States to comply "with the requisitions made upon them, the army must disband, "or subsist on the plunder of the country."

The same was taken into the most serious consideration, and information having been given that there was a quantity of salt provisions and flour on board a prize in the harbour, not yet appropriated to any use, publick, or private,

Resolved, That an order issue to the Commissioner of Purchases for the State, to apply to the Marshall for the same, and forward it with all possible dispatch; and such an order was accordingly issued.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Sept'r 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Thompson.

An application from Mr. Peter Whiteside and Co'y, of this city, to sell by auction forty kegs of figs damaged.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Crispin, Thomas Pryor and Charles Risk, be appointed to view the said goods, and report on oath or affirmation whether the same are really and bona fide damaged, agreeable to act of Assembly; the petitioner to bear the expence thereof.

Mr. McClenachan, a principal owner of the privateers concerned in taking the prize, on board of which is a considerable quantity of flour and salt provisions, which by an order of yesterday was directed to be taken for the immediate supply of the army, having attended this Board and made a representation; thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board will not interfere in any purchases or contracts made for the supply of the army, by any society or individuals.

Secondly. That upon a certificate being given by the owners or parties most interested, that the provisions mentioned in the order of yesterday had been already contracted for by the association of the bank, and that the same is to be forwarded immediately to the use of the army, the execution of the order of yesterday be stayed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Benjamin Taylor, for the sum of £3,500, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, for five head of cattle delivered to Col'l John Hannum, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in Chester county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, for the sum of £4,000, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

Mr. George Meyers attended in Council with his commission appointing him First Lieutenant of the Hancock Galley, and praying leave of this Board to resign the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

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In Council:

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Sep'r 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Thompson.

A committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly met in conference on the state of publick supplies, when the situation of the State was fully discussed & considered.

A petition from sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, against the Marshall of the Admiralty, was read, and a copy ordered to be sent him for his answer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Reed, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,000, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £3,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Parker, for the sum of £222 10, for bricklayer's work done at the President's house.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel William Evans, Commiss'r of Purchases in Chester county, for the sum of £2,000, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly passed the 25th day of March last, the same to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Superintendent, &ca., and to be deducted out of an order granted him the 14th August last.

An application from Elizabeth Harrison, for a pass to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that she do not return.

Messrs. William Crispin, Thomas Pryor, & Charles Risk, having, agreeable to the order of yesterday, reported the figs mentioned in the application from Peter Whiteside and Co'y, to be damaged,

Resolved, That the city Auctioneer have leave to dispose thereof, agreeable to the act of Assembly, & taking care to advertise the same as damaged goods, sold agreeable to law; & that a copy of this resolve be sent to the Auctioneer.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Sept'r 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Reed,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of 3,771 dollars, Continental money, for his expences in riding to the Lieutenants of the counties of Bucks and Berks, on the late call of militia, and cash paid to sundry persons for riding express.

An application from John & Sarah Holt, for a pass to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted them, not to return again.

A petition from John Maguire, praying a pass to New York, was read, and rejected.

Application being made to this Board, on behalf of a certain Mary Meyre, for a pass to New York, her husband being a prisoner there, and she being recommended by William Scott, Esq'r, Lieutenant of York county; thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted her, with permission to return.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Sept'r 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Scott, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hambright.

A letter from Eneas Urquhart, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Eneas Urquhart and Alexander Kidd, be brought before this Board to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

A message from the Hon'ble House of Assembly requesting a conference with the Board this day, on the subject of finances; whereupon, this Board proceeded to the Assembly Chamber, and the whole morning was spent in the said conference.

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His Excellency General Washington having recommended the following gentlemen as Ensigns in the seventh regiment, viz't:—James Rose, James Gamble, Joseph Lewis, Lawrence Manny, Ebenezer Denny.

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the Board of War, that commissions may issue.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Septem'r 13th, 1780, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Arndt, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £50, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 20th day of March last, for paying the workmen employed at the fortifications on Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions, for which he is to account.

Eneas Urquhart and Alexander Kidd having been brought before this Board on the act of Assembly entitled, "An Act to empower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty," and an examination having been had, pursuant to the said act,

Resolved, That the said Eneas Urquhart and Alexander Kidd stand committed, pursuant to the powers vested in this Board by the said act of Assembly, and the Goaler of this city is required to receive and keep them accordingly.

The Council met in conference this morning a committee of the Assembly, on the memorial of the prisoners on Long Island, stating their difficulties & distresses; and after some time spent thereon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the delegates of the State in Congress thereupon, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A message was received from the Assembly, accompanied with two letters from Colonel Atlee, informing of Bartram Galbraith, the late Lieutenant, refusing to deliver up the papers of his former office, so that the fines thereupon may be collected.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Sept'r 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Hambright,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Scott,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major General John Armstrong, for the sum of £3,212 8, ballance of his account for his attendance in Congress, as a delegate of this State, to the 24th instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of £10,000, Continental money, for paying the workmen employed in repairing the arms of this State, for which he is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Mr. John Maxwell, conveying a certain tract of land situated in Penn township, bounded as follows, viz: beginning at a stone, a corner of other land late of William Thomas; thence extending north ten degrees west one hundred and thirty-eight perches, to a post, a corner in the same land; thence by the same north sixty degrees east one hundred and ninety-nine perches to a post, a corner of John Jones's land; thence by the said Jones's land south ten degrees east 138 perches to a stone, a corner of land supposed to be vacant, being the foot of the Blue mountain; thence by the same south-west 115 perches, to a Spanish oak; thence still by the same land south eighty degrees west 87 perches to the place of beginning; containing 174 acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of William Thomas, (an attainted traitor,) to the said John Maxwell, jun'r, for the sum of £5,980 1 3, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the agents of forfeited estates in the said county. Deed dated the fourteenth instant.

Agreeable to the order of yesterday, the Honourable the Delegates in Congress met in conference the Council and the committee of the Hon'ble the House of Assembly, on the memorial of the prisoners on Long Island; and the said memorial being again considered, it was agreed that the same be referred for further consideration: in the meantime, the delegates to inform themselves what provision hath been made by Congress for their officers who have been captured by the enemy.

A letter from the Hon'ble Board of Admiralty of the 13th instant was read, requesting permission to sell by public vendue a

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quantity of rum, the property of the United States, lately arrived in a prize Snow, taken by the Continental ship Saratoga; thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

A letter from Matthew Clarkson, Esq'r, Marshall of the Court of Admiralty, in answer to a memorial lately presented to this Board from sundry merchants against him, was read, and the same was referred for further consideration.

The petition of Ann Burtles, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Samuel Garrigues, at a city Court held in July last, and sentenced by the said court to be whipped twenty-one lashes on her bare back, pay the costs of prosecution, and a fine to the use of the State of £600, was read, representing that she is unable to pay the said fine, and praying remission of the same.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Application being made to this Board by the Hon'ble Continental Navy Board for the return of a quantity of pig iron, in part of 20 tons of iron ballast lent to this State at the request of the Council, for the ship General Green, the same being immediately wanted for the Continental ship Saratoga,

Resolved, That Captain Nathan Boys be directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Continental Navy Board, or their order, eight tons of pig iron belonging to the Gallies in the service of the State.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of military stores, be directed to deliver to Mr. John Donaldson, or his order, the gun powder belonging to him, now in the publick magazine.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Sept'r 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Thompson.

A return of justices for the district of Tyrone, in the county of Westmoreland, being laid before the Board, by which it appears that Providence Mounts and Edmund Rice were duly elected justices for the said district.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Providence Mounts, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

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A petition from Henry Matthews & others, officers of a company of artificers in the regiment commanded by Colonel Baldwin, was read, and the same was rejected.

His Excellency Gen'l Washington having recommended the following gentlemen as Ensigns in the tenth Pennsylvania regiment, vizt: Robert Nesbitt, John Vancourt and James Brooke,

Resolved, That they be appointed Ensigns in the said regiment, & that the Hon'ble Board of War be requested to issue the commissions accordingly.

General Wayne having recommended Ensign Michael Everly, of the tenth Pennsylvania regiment, to be appointed a Lieutenant in the said regiment, vice Lieuten't Nicholas White having resigned on the first of April last; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Michael Everly be appointed a Lieutenant in the said regiment, and that the Hon'ble the Board of War be requested to issue a commission accordingly.

The petition of Jaquelin D Rey, praying that this Board would restore to him that part of his vessel and cargo lately forfeited to the use of the State, he having attempted to carry out flour contrary to the embargo, was read and rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Sept'r 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James McLene, Esq'r, for the sum of £2,500, in Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

Henry Dogherty, Esq'r, Health Officer, attended in Council, agreeable to notice given him, and being examined touching the arrival of a vessel with prisoners from Carolina, some of whom it is said have the Yellow Fever, represents that Captains of vessels upon their arrival in the port, do not call upon him for examination, as has been done heretofore; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be directed not to enter any vessel arriving in this port, untill the Captain of such vessel shall produce to him a certificate from the Health Officer of his having examined her.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Septem'r 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Scott, Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Christian Wirtz, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases in Lancaster county, for the sum of £2,000 of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account. The same to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, Superintendant, &c, and to be deducted out of an order granted him on the 14th day of August last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William McCalla, for £1,000 of the money aforesaid, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account. The same to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, as above.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the 16th instant, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the 15th, requesting from this State a supply of 1,251 beef cattle for the army, was received & read.

Resolved, That the same be sent to the Honourable House of Assembly.

A petition from Abraham Surgert, representing that being bound in recognizance for his appearance at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at York town, for the county of York, the 18th of October last, he was prevented from attending at that time by sickness, whereby the said recognizance became forfeited, was read, praying that this Board would remit the said forfeiture. A recommendation from divers of the Justices of the said county being also read; on consideration,

Resolved, That the same be remitted.

The petitions of Andreas Miller & Kilion Devinger, convicted of misprision of treason at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at the town of York, for the county of York, in July last, and sentenced by the said court to be imprisoned during the present war, and forfeit one half of their goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the State, were read, praying pardons for their said offences; and they being recommended to this Board by the Justices of the s'd county; thereupon,

Resolved, That pardons do issue to them, the said Andreas Miller and Kilion Devinger, under the seal of the State.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Sept'r 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Scott, and

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Sept'r 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Scott.

A letter of the 17th instant, from Colonel Samuel Rea, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, was read, requesting one class of the militia of the said county to be called for the protection of the frontiers; thereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Rea be directed to order out one class of the militia of the said county, for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, three hundred weight of gunpowder, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Rea, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for defence of the frontiers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of £719 18 4, the ballance of his account for his attendance in Council. The account is as follows, vizt:

The State of Pennsylvania in acco't with Thos. Scott:

To my services in Council, from October the 1st, 1778, 'till March the 2d, 1779, inclusive. at £3,	£ 378	
From 1st May to 17th June, 1780, inclusive, 68 days, at £16, till 30th May, then at £50,	1,414	
From 30th of August to 20th September, both inclusive, 22 days, at £50,	1,100	
To three mileages home and abroad, three hundred and forty miles,	1,061 13 4	
	£3,953 13 4	

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By cash received of Mr. Rittenhouse,	£ 300		
By do., " " "	800		
By cloathing rec'd of Colonel Farmer,	233	15	
By cash receiv'd of Mr. Rittenhouse,	400		
By cash receiv'd of Mr. Rittenhouse,	2,000		
			3,233 15
Ballance, - - - - - - - - -			£719 18 4

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble James Thompson, Esq'r, for the sum of £750, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Haslewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases for the city of Philadelphia, for the sum of £100,000, Continental money, for purchasing the supplies for the use of the army.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Septem'r 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson.

A committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, to wit: Mr. Hoge, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jacks, Mr. Shubart, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Steel, met this Board in conference upon the resolution of the Assembly of Virginia, respecting the boundary line between that State and Pennsylvania.

A letter from Josiah Crawford, of the 1st instant, inclosing a commission appointing him a Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, and praying leave to resign the same, was read; & the s'd resignation was accepted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Deshler, Esq'r, Commiss'r of Purchases for Northampton county, for the sum of £1,500 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account: The same to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, jun'r, Superintend't &ca., and deducted out of an order granted him the fourteenth of August last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of £68,025, for paying the militia lately called into service from the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for which

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the said Paymaster is to account: The same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

Resolved, That a commission issue to Mr. James Rowan, appointed by the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, on the 19th instant, to be Inspector of salt provisions in the city of Philadelphia.

The petition of John Connelly, convicted of larceny at a city court, held at Philadelphia in April last, and sentenced by the said court to be whipped, pay the costs of prosecution, and pay two several fines to the use of the State, to wit: £450, and £300, was read, praying remission of the said fines: Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fines be remitted, on condition that the said John Connelly shall enter on board one of the Continental vessels now in this port, free of bounty, and serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Septem'r 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott, and
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Read.

John Shee and Jacob Morris, Esq'rs, appointed auditors of the publick accounts by the Hon'ble House of Assembly, in the room of Samuel Miles & John Purviance, Esq'rs, resigned, appeared in Council and took the oaths necessary to qualify them for the execution of their s'd offices.

The petitions from Michael Huffnagle and others, officers of two volunteer companies raised in the county of Westmoreland for the defence of the frontiers, being referred to this Board by the Hon'ble the House of Assembly, were read, and the said Michael Huffnagle having stated an account for his services as a Major to the said companies, under appointment from the Lieutenant of the said county; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said account, together with the petitions, be transmitted to the auditors of the publick accounts, and that they be requested to settle the same.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Septem'r 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Scott, &
Mr. Hambright, Mr. Arndt.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel Abraham Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, or his order, 300 weight of gun powder, 600 weight of lead, and 2,000 flints, for the use of the militia of the said county, for which the said Colonel Smith is to be accountable.

A letter from the Hon'ble Mr. Holker, Consul of France, respecting the cutting of masts on the heads of the river Schuylkill for the Royal Marine of France, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, of the 22d instant, requesting that this Board will direct that 1,000 head of cattle be immediately purchased by the Commissioners of this State, for the use of the Continental army, Congress having agreed to advance one-third of the price thereof, agreeable to their resolution of yesterday, was read; and it was

Resolved, That the same be farther considered.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Stewart, for the amount of £9,651 14 4, in State money, at the rate of 60 for one, in full for ten head of cattle delivered to William Armstrong for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of £150, in full for his wages for his attendance in Council to this day.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Septem'r 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Arndt, Mr. Read.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles be directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, or his order, 400 weight of lead, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Rea, Esq'r, Lieutenant

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of the county of Northampton, for the use of the militia of the said county, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Stacey Hepburn, for the sum of £83 7, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for 1,667 pounds of lead, bought by Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the use of the State, at 1 shilling ℔ pound.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Sept'r 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr Lacey, and
Mr. Arndt, Mr Gardner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £300, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for paying the workmen employed at the fortifications on Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of £5,555, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, amount of money due to the officers & men of the gallies in lieu of their rations & refreshments from the 26th of August last to the 23d of Sept'r instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Gill, for the sum of £85, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for nine head of beef cattle, purchased of him for the use of the army by Augustine Willet, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Bucks, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first of June last.

The petition of Matthias Gomez, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read, & rejected.

Resolved, That Mr. John Boggs, of the county of Cumberland, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the said county.

Captain Nathan Boys presented to the Council a commission to Isaac Ely, appointing him first Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, in the service of this State, and signifying that the said Isaac Ely is desirous to resign the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That the s'd resignation be accepted.

Colonel Abraham Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, having recommended Thomas Turbutt, Esq'r, as a proper person to be appointed a sub-Lieut't for the said county, and the said appointment appearing to this Board to be necessary,

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Resolved, That Thomas Turbett, Esq'r, be appointed a sub-Lieutenant for the county of Cumberland, & that he be commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Sept'r 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the amount of £259, Continental money, in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, amount of his account of cash paid for spirits, &c., for the use of the ringers of the bells on the birth day of his most Christian Majesty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £2,500 of the money emitted by an act of Assembly passed the 25th of March last, for purchasing the enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, coffee, &ca., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

The Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice, attended in Council, and informed the Board that certain intelligence had been received of General Arnold's having joined the enemy at New York; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to make diligent search for General Arnold's papers, and that he seize and bring the same before this Board for examination.

The following letters were received & read, viz't: From Thomas Hewitt, Esq'r, of Northumberland county, dated the 29th ult., inclosing a deposition of Henry McNeal, representing that sundry of the inhabitants of Catawisy settlement do carry on a treasonable correspondence with the Tories and Indians in that quarter.

From General Potter, of the 18th instant, informing of his march against the Tories and Indians up the west branch of the Susquehanna.

From Colonel Samuel Hunter, of the 21st instant, representing the distressed situation of the people on the frontiers in the county of Northumberland.

And from Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, of Bucks county, dated the 23d instant, informing this Board that the Justices of the said county have quota'd upon the different townships four thousand bushells of wheat, to be delivered at the mills by the fifth of October next, for the supply of the army.

Ordered, That the said letters be filed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Sept'r 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Arndt.

An order to Mr. John Ramsay for the amount of 4,333 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at sixty for one, for six head of cattle delivered to Thomas Heslip, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in Chester county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of £3,000, Continental money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £5,000, Continental money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A return of justices for the first district of the township of Augusta, in the county of Northumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that John Buyers, Christian Gettigh, Ludowick Gass & Robert McBride, were duly elected Justices of the Peace for the said district; On consideration,

Ordered, That John Buyers and Christian Gettigh be appointed Justices of the Peace for the county of Northumberland, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the 10th instant, was received and read, inclosing the following papers, to wit:

A declaration of the State of Maryland respecting the articles of Confederation, dated the 15th of December, 1778, on the same subject.

Remonstrance of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, to their delegates in Congress, of the fifteenth of December, 1778, on the same subject.

Remonstrance of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, to the delegates of the United States in Congress assembled, "against any jurisdiction or right of adjudication in Congress upon the petitions of the Vandalia or Indiana companies, or on any other matter or thing subversive of the internal policy, civil government, or sovereignty of this or any other of the United States, or unwarranted by the articles of the Confederation."

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An act of the General Assembly of the State of New York, to facilitate the completion of the articles of Confederation, and perpetual Union among the United States of America.

Report of the committee of Congress, to whom the aforementioned papers were referred, & a resolution of Congress of the 6th instant, for transmitting to the several States the said papers, and recommending to the Legislatures of these States who have claims to the western country, to pass such laws, and give their delegates in Congress such powers, as may effectually remove the only obstacle to a final ratification of the articles of Confederation, and also recommending to the Legislature of the State of Maryland to authorize their delegates in Congress to subscribe the said articles.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Septem'r 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A letter of the 18th instant, from General Potter, was read, requesting a corps of militia to be sent into Northumberland county, for the protection of the frontiers; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of Lancaster county be directed to send one class of the militia of Lancaster county, for the purpose aforesaid, so as to be there by the twenty-fifth of next month.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the amount of £1,440, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Reily and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations & refreshments, from 27th of August to 24th of September instant.

The petition of John Eve was read, setting forth that he had purchased the plantation late belonging to his father, in Oxford township; that he has paid one-fourth of the purchase money, and praying this Board to allow him longer time to pay the residue. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

The petition of Isaac Austin, purchaser of William Austin's estate, representing that the purchase money is too great for him to raise within the time limited by law, and praying this Board to allow him further time to pay the said purchase money, was read; and the same was rejected.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan D. Sergeant, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylva-

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nia, for the sum of £4,000, Continental money, to be paid in State money, at sixty for one, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Robert Martin, Esq'r, for the amount of five thousand dollars, Continental money, in State money, at sixty for one, to be by him paid to Lieutenant Jacob Cramer, Peter Grove, William Campbell, and Michael Grove, the reward for two Indian scalps, agreeable to the late proclamation of this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Nicholas Diehl, for the amount of twenty-seven thousand seven hundred & thirty-three dollars and one-third, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, for ten head of cattle delivered to William Armstrong, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Philadelphia, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

WHEREAS, Colonel Matthew Smith, Councellor elect for the county of Lancaster, did on the 6th day of January last, resign his seat at this Board, which resignation was accepted: And it being necessary that the inhabitants of the said county shou'd have notice thereof before the next general election,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of Lancaster do give notice to the inhabitants of the said county, of the said vacancy.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Sept'r 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Arndt,	Mr. Hambright.

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Robert Morris, Esq'r, or his order, the gunpowder belonging to him now in the publick magazine.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of £20,000 of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

The petition of Nathaniel Mitchell, of the Island of Bermuda, master of the schooner Recovery, lately arrived in this port with 320 bushells of salt, was read, praying permission to ship for Ber-

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muda, forty barrels of bread, forty kegs do., forty barrels of flour, 100 bushels of Indian corn, & 300 weight of cheese.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said permission cannot be granted.

Upon the application of Mr. Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, that the flagg of truce brigg Two Friends, lately arrived in this port with prisoners, may be permitted to return to some port belonging to the King of Great Britain, with a number of prisoners in exchange.

Resolved, That the said permission be granted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Octo'r 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Robert Jewell, Esq'r, be directed to endeavour to obtain the papers of Aneas Urquhart, now in the hands of his housekeeper and in the hands of John Nicholson, & bring them before this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Augustine Willet, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in Bucks county, for the amount of 8,558 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, ballance of his account for purchasing cattle in the said county, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the 1st day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for £712 12 6, amount of his account for his wages as doorkeeper from the 1st to the 30th of September last, at 60 dollars per day, & cash paid for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

Passes were granted to Rebecca Bryant and Abigail Rankin to go into the city of New York, pursuant to a late order of this Board, their husbands being with the enemy.

The petition of James Boyd & Sceny, his wife, convicted of a misdemeanour, in receiving stolen goods, at a city court held in July last, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to be whipt 21 lashes on their bare backs, pay the costs of prosecution, and each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £4,000, was read, praying a remission of the said fines.

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On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a warrant, or warrants, issue to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, for apprehending David Franks, William Hamilton, James Seagroves, William Constable, and David Sólebury Franks, they being persons whom there is just reason to suspect are enemies to the American cause, and to hold an unlawfull and dangerous correspondence and intercourse with the enemy at New York. And that he bring them before this Board for examination, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the tenth day of October last, entitled "An act to impower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty."

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Octo'r 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright.
Mr. Arndt,

A letter of the third instant, from the Hon'ble Board of War, was read, inclosing a copy of a letter of the 29th ult., from Governor Livingston, respecting a certain Captain Joel, a deserter from the British army; and it appearing that the said Captain Joel is a very suspicious person, whose going at large is dangerous to the publick; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Captain Joel be committed to prison untill the further order of this Board, and the Goaler of this city is required to receive and keep him accordingly.

David Franks, William Hamilton, James Seagroves, William Constable, and David Solebury Franks, having been brought before this Board on the act of Assembly entitled, "An act to impower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty;" and an examination having been had, pursuant to the said act,

Resolved, That the said David Franks, William Hamilton, and James Seagroves, stand committed pursuant to the powers vested

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in this Board by the said act of Assembly, and the Gealer of this city is required to receive and keep them accordingly.

Resolved, That the said William Constable give security to James Claypole, Esq'r, high Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, himself in the sum of fifty thousand pounds, and two sureties in the sum of £25,000 each, to appear before this Board when called for.

Resolved, That Major David S. Franks be required to return immediately to the army, under the command of his Excellency General Washington.

The following Proclamation being read and considered, was ordered to be published, viz't:

By the Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The following named persons, late and heretofore inhabitants of this State, that is to say:—Benedict Arnold, late a Major General in the army of the United Stases; Anthony Yeldall, Druggist; William West, Jun'r, Merchant, late a Major in the army of the United States; and Thomas Lightfoot & John Turner, Merchants, all now or late of the city of Philadelphia; and John Wright and Jonathan Wright, yoemen, both now or late of the township of Hatfield; and John Hutchinson, yoeman, now or late of the township of Kingsessing, all now or late of the county of Philadelphia; and John Jackson, now or late of the township of East Bradford, yo., Joshua Buffington, now or late of the township of East Bradford, yoeman, both now or late of the county of Chester; have severally adhered to and knowingly aided and assisted the enemies of this State and of the United States of America, by having joined their armies in this State & elsewhere: We the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers and authorities to us given by an act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawfull debts and claims thereupon;" Do hereby charge and require the said Benedict Arnold, Anthony Yeldall, Thomas Lightfoot, John Turner, John Wright, Jonathan Wright, John Hutchinson, John Jackson and Joshua Buffington, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the counties within this State, on or before Monday the thirteenth day of November next, and also abide their legal trial for such their treasons: And we do in like manner require the said

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William West, Jun'r, to render himself to some or one of the Justices aforesaid, on or before Saturday the 30th day of December next, and also abide his legal trial for such his treason, on pain that every of them, the said Benedict Arnold, Anthony Yeldall, William West, Jun'r, Thomas Lightfoot, John Turner, John Wright, Jonathan Wright, John Hutchinson, John Jackson and Joshua Buffington, not rendering himself as aforesaid, and abiding the trial aforesaid, shall from and after the said 13th day of November and 30th day of December, respectively stand and be attainted of high treason, to all intents and purposes, and shall suffer such pains and penalties, and undergo all such forfeitures as persons attainted of high treason ought to do, and all the faithfull subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation and govern themselves accordingly.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of the Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this 2d day of October, in the year of our Lord 1780.

WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice President.*

Attest—T'y Matlack, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

Philad'a, Wednesday, Oct'r 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Arndt, and
Mr. Hambright.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Doctor David Jackson, for the sum of £4,000, Continental money, for paying the transportation of the stores for the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, lately called into service, for which he is to account, as Quarter Master to the said militia; the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Doctor Jackson, for the sum of £111 10 of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for paying for sundry articles purchased for the use of the said militia, for which the said Doctor Jackson is to account, to be charged to Colonel William Henry, as aforesaid.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Read, Esq'r, for the sum of two thousand pounds, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington of the first instant, was read, acquainting this Board of the distressed situation of the army for want of flour, and requesting that the Council would exert their authority and influence with the agents, and all others concerned, in procuring and forwarding a supply to Trenton without delay.

A letter of the 16th ult, from Colonel Daniel Broadhead, at Fort Pitt, representing the distressed situation of the Garrison, for want of provisions, & requesting to know who is to supply them with beef, liquor & salt.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, October 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read.

Upon the application of Colonel Samuel Miles, Dep'y Quarter M. General, for the direction of the Council respecting the pay of the teams called out pursuant to their order, for the Continental service,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the Continental State Q'r Master should settle the account, and if he has not money to pay it, he should procure an order from Congress, which the State will honour, by which the same will go into Continental account as it ought to do.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, October 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Arndt,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hambright, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson.

A memorial from sundry respectable gentlemen of South Carolina, respecting the good conduct of James Seagroves, while the enemy invested Charlestown, being laid before the Board,

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Resolved, That Robert Jewell, Esq'r, keeper of the new prison, be directed to release the said James Seagroves from confinement.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philad'a, for the sum of £2,800 of the money emitted by an act of Gen'l Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for paying the militia of the said city and liberties lately called into service, for which he is to account; the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

Resolved, That Robert Jewell, Esq'r, keeper of the new prison, be directed to release from confinement Captain Joel, committed to prison by order of this Board on the 3d instant, as a suspicious person.

The Council taking into consideration the situation of David Franks & William Hamilton, confined in the new prison by an order of the third instant, as persons inimical to the American cause, on the act of Assembly passed the 10th day of October last, entitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty;" and after some time spent thereon,

Resolved, That the said David Franks and William Hamilton, do depart this State within fourteen days from the date hereof, and that they give security, each in the sum of £200,000, to go within the enemies lines, and not return again to any of these United States during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Oct'r 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Lacey.

Mr. Thompson, and

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Octo'r 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Arndt, Mr. Gardner.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the seventh instant, was read, requesting that a supply of flour may be sent forward to the army as soon as possible.

A letter of the 6th instant was also read, inclosing a new arrangement of the army, as established by Congress, on the 21st of September last, as follows, vizt:

"IN CONGRESS, September 21st, 1780.

"*Resolved*, That the regular army of the United States, from and after the first day of January next, consist of four regiments of cavalry or light dragoons, four regiments of artillery, forty-nine regiments of infantry, exclusive of Colonel Hasen's regiment, hereafter mentioned, one regiment of artificers. That each regiment of cavalry or light dragoons consist of six troops, and that each troop consist of sixty-four non-commissioned officers and privates, with the same number of commissioned officers as at present.

"That each regiment of artillery consist of nine companies, and that each company consist of sixty-five non-commissioned officers and matrosses, with the same number of commissioned officers as at present.

"That each regiment of infantry consist of nine companies, and each company of sixty-four non-commissioned officers and privates; and that the regiment of artificers consist of eight companies, & each company of non-commissioned officers & privates.

"That the several States furnish the following quotas, vizt:—New Hampshire, 2 regiments of infantry; Massachusetts Bay, 10 do., & 1 of artillery; Rhode Island, &c., one regiment of infantry; Connecticutt, five do., and one of cavalry; New York, 2 do., & one of artillery; New Jersey, 2 regiments of infantry; Pennsylvania, six regiments of infantry, one of artillery, one of cavalry, & one of artificers; Delaware one regiment of infantry; Maryland, 5 do.; Virginia, eight do., 1 of artillery, and 2 of cavalry; North Carolina, four regiments of infantry; South Carolina, 2 do.; Georgia, one do: That the States select from the line of the army a proper number of officers to command the several regiments to them respectively assigned, taking notice that no new appointment is to be made of a higher rank than that of Lieutenant-Colonel Comman-

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dant: That the States be and they are hereby called upon, in the most pressing manner, to have their regiments compleated in the field by the first day of January next, at farthest.

"That it be recommended to the States to fill up their respective regiments by enlistments for and during the war; but in case the full quota of any of the States cannot be compleated with such recruits, by the first day of December next, that it be recommended to such State or States to supply the deficiency with men engaged to serve for not less than one year, unless sooner relieved by recruits enlisted for the war, which they are requested to exert their utmost endeavors to obtain as speedily as possible; and in order thereto, it is further recommended that the officers at camp be impowered and directed to use every prudent measure, and improve every favourable opportunity, to enlist for the continuance of the war, such of the men belonging to their respective States as are not engaged for that period, whether now in the field or hereafter, from time to time, joining the army; and that a recruiting officer from each corps be kept in the State to which the regiments respectively belong, to enlist recruits for the war, as well as to relieve those who are engaged for a shorter or limited term, as to supply casual deficiencies.

"That two dollars be granted to the recruiting officer for every able-bodied soldier he shall enlist for the war, who shall join the army, and that a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, be allowed as a bounty to every such recruit.

"Extract from the minutes.

"CHARLES THOMPSON, *Sec'y.*"

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of military stores, be directed to deliver to Mr. John Patton, or his order, the gun powder belonging to the brigg George, now in the publick magazine.

Doctor Adam Kuhn having lately arrived in this port from St. Croix by the way of New York, in the Sloop Elizabeth, commanded by Captain William Westcoat, under a pass from Sir George Bridges Rodney; and the said Adam Kuhn being examined before this Board, it appears that he is a very suspicious character, whose going at large is dangerous to the Commonwealth; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Adam Kuhn be committed to the new prison untill the further order of this Board, pursuant to the act of Assembly, passed the 10th day of October, 1779, intitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council & Justices of the Supreme Court, to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty;" and the keeper of the said prison be directed to receive and keep him accordingly.

The petition of Doctor John Baker, John Henry, jun'r, Joseph Wharton, and Mrs. Griffith, setting fourth that four Negroes, to

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wit: Jem, Nat, Cato, and James, belonging to them, have been convicted, at a court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at Philadelphia the 25th day of September last, of stealing a large quantity of rum, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to be whipped on their bare backs, to restore the value of the goods stolen, and to pay four several fines to the use of the State, amounting to the sum of £10,000, was read, praying remission of the said fines. A recommendation from the Justices of the said court, and a further representation of the said Doctor John Baker, respecting his negro James, being also read; on consideration,

Resolved, That the fines to the use of the State be remitted, and that the said negro James' punishment of whipping be also remitted.

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be directed to take into his custody the Sloop Elizabeth, William Westcoat, Master, lately arrived in this port with Doctor Kuhn and his family. That she be brought to some convenient wharf, and he be authorized to unload and examine her cargo, taking to his assistance Messrs. William Heysham and Alexander Boyd; that the expense attending the said business be paid by Dr. Kuhn; and the said Naval Officer is also directed to report to this Board.

The petition of David Franks & William Hamilton, confined in the new prison, praying longer time for their departure than is allowed them by the resolution of the sixth instant was read; & the same was dismissed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Octo'r 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esquire, for the sum of £1,219—ballance of his account for his attendance in Council, as follows, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r.

For his attendance in Council as follows, vizt:

From the 1st of Feb'ry to the 24th of March, 1780, inclusive, 53 days, at £12,	636
From the 25th of March to the 6th of April, 1780, inclusive, 13 days, at £16,	208
Mileage, going home & returning, 120 miles, at 12s. 6,	75

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From the 4th of June last to the tenth instant, inclusive, 129 days, at £50,		6,450
Mileage, coming to the city & returning home, 120 miles, at £2 1 8,		250
		£7,619
1780, April 3d. By an order on the Treasurer,	£1,200	
July 5th. By do. do.	1,200	
Sept'r 9th. By do. do.	4,000	
		6,400
Ballance, - - - - - -		£1,219

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Paine, Esq'r, for the amount of 360 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, amount of his account for ten dozen of the Crisis Extraordinary, at 36 dollars per dozen.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Octo'r 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lacey, &
Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill, (now first returned from his family.)
Mr. Thompson,

The petition of C. D. G. Haerkerman and E. Buckhholtz, was read, praying permission to go into the city of New York; on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

The petition of John Anidown, praying permission as aforesaid, was also read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to him.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Marjery Matherill to go into the city of New York, pursuant to a late order of this Board for sending off the wives of traitors who have joined the enemies' army.

The petition of William Hamilton, praying permission to go to the island of St. Eustatia, and also longer time for his departure than is allowed by the resolution of this Board of the sixth instant, being again considered,

Resolved, That permission be granted to the said William Hamilton to go to the island of St. Eustatia, and that he depart this State within the time mentioned in the said resolution.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Oct'r 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneyder, Doorkeeper, for the sum of £382 16 3, to pay for a box of candles purchased by him for the use of the Council.

The petition of Nathan Tyson, late of New York, and now confined in the new prison, praying to be permitted to go at large on parole, was read and dismissed.

A memorial from William Constable was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That William Constable become bound himself in the sum of £50,000, and two sufficient sureties, each in the sum of £25,000, condition that he be of good behaviour during the present war.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Doctor Adam Kuhn,

Resolved, That the said Doctor Adam Kuhn, with his wife and family, do depart this State in three days from the date hereof, in the sloop Elizabeth, belonging to St. Croix, William Westcoat, Master; and that he give security, himself in the sum of £100,000, and two surities in the sum of fifty thousand pounds each, not to return during this war to any part of America, or to any part of the dominions of the King of Great Britain.

On motion,

Resolved, That a warrant issue to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, for apprehending a certain Joshua Edwards, late an apprentice to Doctor Anthony Yeldall, he being a person whom there is just reason to suspect to be an enemy to the American cause, and to hold an unlawfull and dangerous correspondence and intercourse with the enemy at New York; and that he bring him before this Board for examination, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly, passed the 10th day of October, 1779, entitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty."

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Osborne, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Judge Advocate of the militia of the Commonwealth of Penn'a.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Octo'r 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of George Meade and company, for the sum of £37 8 of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, for seven hundred and forty-eight pounds of lead, at 1 shilling ℔ pound.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Francis McHenry, for the amount of £435 19 6, in State money, at 60 for one, amount of his account of the wages and expences of a guard bringing to this city sundry British prisoners.

The petition of Samuel Jeffries, praying a pass to England by the way of New York, was read; on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that he enter into security, himself & two sufficient surities, in the sum of £50,000, to depart the city of New York for England, on or before the first day of December next, and not to return to any part of America during the present war.

A petition from Thomas Mendenhall, for a pass to New York, in order to take shipping from thence to Ireland, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted him, on condition that he enter into security as aforesaid, to leave the city of New York by the first of December next, and not return again to any part of America during the present war.

A petition from David Franks, for a pass to New York, for himself, his daughter, one man servant and two maid servants, was read; and, on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said David Franks and his daughter to go into the city of New York, and also for one maid servant, provided she be an indented servant.

Joshua Edwards having been brought before this Board, agreeable to the order of yesterday, on the act of Assembly entitled "An Act to empower the Supreme Executive Council and Justices of the Supreme Court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty;" and an examination having been had, it appears that he made use of some imprudent language in the presence of Robert Smith, Esq'r, agent, &c., signifying his intention to go into New York at the risk of his life, &c.,

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Resolved, That if the said Joshua Edwards become bound in security, himself and two sufficient sureties, in the sum of £15,000, conditioned that he be of good behaviour during the present war, and that he do not go into the city of New York without the permission of this Board.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Octo'r 14, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read.

A return of the general election for the county of Northampton was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected:

Councillor, John Van Campen; Representatives in Assembly, Christopher Wagner, William McFerren, Robert Lattimer, Peter Kohler, and Peter Rhoads; Sheriffs, Jonas Hartzell, Peter Ealer; Coroners, Philip Bœhm, George Groff; Commissioner, Henry Barnet; Assessors, Philip Bahl, Matthias Kenig, Andrew Engleman, Michael Tiebert, Charles Heimer, Thomas Connelly.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Jonas Hartzell, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Northampton, and that Philip Bœhm be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

Jonas Hartzell, Esq'r, Sheriff-elect for the county of Northampton, offers Jacob Hartzell and Peter Seip, of the said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, which this Council doth approve.

Captain Westcoat having represented to this Board that the mast of the sloop Elizabeth, a Flag of Truce belonging to St. Croix, is so damaged that he will be under the necessity of getting a new one; therefore,

Resolved, That he be permitted to remain in this port untill Thursday next, the resolution of the twelfth instant notwithstanding.

Ordered, That Doctor James Hutchinson be directed to deliver to Colonel Lewis Farmer all the hospital stores now in his possession belonging to the State, instruments and medicines excepted, taking his receipt for the same.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £1,400 of the money emitted by an act of

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General Assembly passed the twenty-fifth day of March last, for purchasing the enumerated articles of rum, tea, sugar, coffee, &c., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, he to be accountable.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Captain Finley fifty-two pair of hose, for the use of the officers of the Pennsylvania troops now at Fort Pitt.

The returns of the general election of the city and county of Philadelphia were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives in Assembly—Samuel Morris, Junior, Frederick Muhlenberg, Robert Morris, Sharp Delany, John Steinmetz, for the city of Philadelphia. Representatives in Assembly for the county of Philadelphia—George Gray, Samuel Howell, George Campbell, Joseph McCleane, Henry Hill, Daniel Heister, Matthew Holgate, George Smith; Sheriffs, William Will and William Dewees; Coroners, Joseph Rush and Robert Jewell.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Will, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, and that Joseph Rush be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said city and county.

William Will, Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the city and county of Philadelphia, offers Colonel Lewis Farmer and Peter Paris, of the said city, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as sheriff, which the Council doth approve.

The Council resumed the consideration of the memorial of the owners of the brigg Fame.

Ordered, That the fines adjudged by the court of Admiralty to be paid by Joseph Carson, Thomas Leaming, Robert Cocks, Nathan Hand, John Morrell, John McFatridge, and Herman John, be remitted, & that notice thereof be given to the Marshall of the court of Admiralty.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Octo'r 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill.

A return of the general election of the county of Berks was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives in the General Assembly.—George Ege, John Patton, Baltzer Gechr, Mark Bird, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Heister.

Sheriffs.—Henry Haffa, Philip Kreemer.

Coroners.—Peter Nagel, John Hartman.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Haffa, Esq'r, be appointed & commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Berks, and that Peter Nagal be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

Henry Haffa, Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the county of Berks, offers John Hartman and Daniel Hunter as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office as Sheriff, which this Council doth approve.

A return of the general election for the county of Lancaster was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives in the General Assembly.—John Whitehill, Emanuel Carpenter, Jacob Cook, Christopher Kucher, James Anderson, Philip Greenawalt, Adam Reigart, James Cowden, Alexander Lowry, Matthias Slough, James Jacks.

Sheriffs.—Joseph Work, Thomas Edwards.

Coroners.—John Offner, Jacob Bailey.

Commissioner.—John Jamison.

Assessors.—Maxwell Chambers, James Bigham, John Rowland, Christopher Ughler, Jacob Carpenter, John Anderson.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Joseph Work, Esq'r, be appointed & commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, and that Jacob Bailey be appointed & commiss'd to be Coroner of the said county.

Joseph Work, Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the county of Lancaster, offers Randall McClure and William Hay, of the said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff, which this Council approves.

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Ordered, That Esther Yeldall, wife of Doctor Anthony Yeldall, an attainted traitor, depart this State within seven days from the date hereof, with her five children, and go within the enemies' lines, and that she give security in the sum of £20,000, not to return again to any of these United States during the present war, and the Secretary is directed to make out a pass accordingly.

Passes were granted to James Gibson & Susanna, his wife, and to Christiana George, to go into the city of New York, on condition that they do not return again during the present war.

On application,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Miss Hannah Arnold, and her nephew, with their baggage, to go to the State of Connecticut.

The Council taking into consideration the application from the Board of War for the loan of a number of the arms of this State for the southern army, they engaging to return a like number, in good order; Thereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissary of Military Stores be directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Board of War, or their order, 400 stand of the arms belonging to this State, taking their receipt to return the like number in good order when demanded.

N. B.—The above order was reconsidered.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Octo'r 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Gardner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, for the sum of £600, to purchase fire-wood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

A petition from David Franks, praying this Board to allow him longer time for his departure, on account of an indisposition of body, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Doctor James Hutchinson be requested to visit David Franks, now confined in the new prison, and report to this Board the situation in which he shall find him with regard to his health.

A petition from Elizabeth Langdale, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read, and the same was dismissed.

A return of the general election of the county of Bucks was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt: Representatives in the General Assembly,

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Benjamin Fell, Joseph Sairts, William Scott, Gerardus Wynkoop, and James Morgan; Sheriffs, George Wall, Jun'r, and Abraham Kichleine; Coroners, John Carr and Abraham Dubois.

On consideration,

Ordered, That George Wall, Jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed & commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Bucks, and that John Carr be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

George Wall, Jun'r, Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the county of Bucks, offers Nathaniel Ellicott & John Carr, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of his office of Sheriff, which the Council approve of.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Octo'r 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Lacey, &
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. George Evans, inn-keeper, for the sum of £3,000, Continental money, for sundry expences on the 17th instant, being brigade day, the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city & liberties of Philadelphia, and to be repaid by him out of the monies arising from militia fines.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,871 9 8, Continental money, ballance of his account for his attendance in Council to the tenth instant. The account is as follows, Vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, in account with the Honourable John Hambright, for his attendance in Council as follows, vizt:

From the 18th of May to the 20th of June, 1778, inclusive, 34 days, at 35s,	59	10
From the 29th of June to the 17th of July, inclusive, 19 days, at 35s,	33	5
From the 19th of October to the 7th of November, 1778, inclusive, 20 days, at 45s,	45	
From the 28th of Decem'r, 1778, to the 31st of Jan'ry, 1779, inclusive, 35 days, at 45s,	78	15
From the 1st of Feb'ry to the 4th of April, 1779, inclusive, 64 days, at £3,	192	

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From the 5th to the 20th of April, 1779, inclusive, 16 days, at £7 10, - - - -	120		
From the 12th of July to the 17th of September, 1779, inclusive, 68 days, at £7 10, - -	510		
From the 12th of October to the 26th of November, 1779, inclusive, 47 days, at £7 10, - -	352	10	
From the 27th of November, 1779, to the 23d of March, 1780, inclusive, 117 days, at £12, -	1,404		
From the 24th of March to the 5th of May, 1780, inclusive, 43 days, at £16, - - -	688		
From the 3d of June to the 10th of Octo'r, 1780, inclusive, 130 days, at £50, - - -	6,500		
1778, mileage on 100 miles, going home and returning, 200 miles, at 10d, - - -	8	6	8
Do. on 166 miles, do. 332 miles, at 2s 6, -	41	10	
Do. do. do. -	41	10	
Do. do. at 12s 6, -	207	10	
Do. do. at 16s 8, -	276	5	
Do. coming to the city & returning home, 332 miles, at £2 1 8, - - - - -	691	5	
To cash paid an express, - - - -	37		
	£11,286	16	8

Cr. 1778, July 17th, by an order on the Treasurer, - - - -	£ 187	10		
Nov'r, 6th, by do.	187	10		
1779, April 5th, by do.	500			
Sept'r 5th, by do.	500			
Nov'r 5th, by do.	1,000			
1780, Jan'y 24th, by do.	1,125			
March 22d, by do.	1,500			
May 24th, by an order on the Treas'r, -	750			
June 22d, by do. -	375			
July 15th, by do. -	1,500			
Aug'st 12th, by do. -	1,500			
Octo'r 16th, by Col'l Farmer's account of cloathing, - - -	290	7		
			9,415	7 0
Ballance, - - - -			£1,871	9 8

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Thompson, Esq'r, for the sum of one thousand four hundred & thirty-six pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, Continental money, ballance of his account for his attendance in Council to the 25th instant, & his mileage.

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The acco't is as follows, vizt :

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, in account with Hon'ble James Thompson, for his attendance in Council as follows, vizt:

From the 17th of June to the 9th of July, 1780, inclusive, 23 days, at £50, - - -		£1,150	
From the 29th of Aug'st to the 25th of October, 1780, inclusive, 57 days, at £50, - -		2,850	
To mileage to and from Philad'a, 100 miles, at 16s,		83	6 8
To do. do.		83	6 8
		£4,166	13 4

Cr. 1780.			
July 5th, by an order on the Treasurer,	1,000		
Sept'r 5th, by do.	600		
25th, by do.	750		
Octo'r 18th, by cloathing received of Col'l Farmer, as ℔ his acco't, -	379 17 6		
		2,729	17 6
Ballance, - - - -		£1,436	15 10

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Octo'r 19th, 1780.

PRESENT :

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Whitehill, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Samuel Miles, D'y Q'r M'r General, for the sum of £3,500, of the money emitted by an act of General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, and the Treasurer was directed to take the said Colonel Miles's note of hand, to repay the same when demanded.

A return of the general election for the county of Chester was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected :

Representatives in the General Assembly—David Thomas, Henry Hayes, William Harris, Joseph Parke, James Boyd, Patrick Anderson, John Culbertson and Evan Evans. Sheriffs—John Gardner, & Charles Dilworth. Coroners—Allen Cunningham and David Denny. Commissioner—John Bartholemew. Assessors—

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Joseph M'Call, Joseph Strawbridge, John Lindsay, Gideon Irwin, James M'Clure and James Hamma.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Gardner, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Chester; and that Allen Cunningham be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

John Gardner, Esq'r, Sheriff elect of the county of Chester, offers Colonels Robert Smith & Andrew Boyd as sureties for the faithfull performance of his office of Sheriff, of which this Council approve.

A return of the general election of the county of York was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Representatives of the General Assembly—James Dixon, Moses M'Clean, Robert Galbreath, Michael Smyser, William Mitchell, James Smith, James Ramsay and Thomas Lilly; Sheriffs—Henry Miller and Abdiel M'Callister; Coroners—Joseph Adlum, Jacob Rothrock; Commissioner—William Adams; Assessors—Lewis Williams, Rinehard Bott, David Wilson, Jacob Rudisill, John Finley and Michael Miller.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Miller, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of York; and that Jacob Rothrock be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

Henry Miller, Esq'r, Sheriff elect of the county of York, offers Colonel Thomas Hartley and Colonel David Greer as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, and the same were approved by this Board.

A return of the general election of the county of Northumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—Councellor—James Potter, Esq'r; Representatives in the General Assembly—William Montgomery, David M'Kinney and John Kelly Esq'rs; Sheriffs—James Crawford and William Heburn, Esq'rs; Coroners—John Forster and Christopher Gettigh; Commissioner—William Antis; Assessors—Daniel Montgomery, William Clark, Albright Swineford, William Dewart, John White and John Clark.

On consideration,

Resolved, That James Crawford, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Northumberland; & that John Forster be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

James Crawford, Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the county of Northumberland, offers Thomas Hewitt, Esq'r, and Mr. James Hayes of said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, and the same were approved by this Board.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Octo'r 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Strawbridge, for the sum of 7,900 dollars Continental money, to be paid in State money, at the rate of sixty for one, for seven head of beef cattle delivered to Thomas Heslip, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Chester, for the use of the army, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the first day of June last.

The petition of William Bailey, convicted of felony at the city court held in July last, & sentenced by the said court to restore the goods or the value thereof, to be whipped on his bare back twenty-one lashes, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £1,500, was read, praying remission of the said fine.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged by the said court to be paid for the use of the State, be remitted.

A petition from Lewis Prahl of the Northern Liberties, gunsmith, setting forth that he had been fined for not performing his tour of militia duty on the late call of militia, and that there are divers debts due to him from the continent, for the repairing of arms, was read, praying the aid of this Board therein.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

A petition from Jonathan Clay, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read, and the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Oct'r 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Crosby, junior, Commissioner for purchasing cattle for the use of the army,

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in Chester county, or his order, the amount of 3,579 dollars, Continental money, in State money, at 60 for one, amount of his account for purchasing cattle, agreeable to an act of General Assembly passed the first day of June last.

Information being laid before this Board that a mulatto slave named Het, late the property of Gideon Irwin, an attainted traitor, is now secreted in the county of Bucks; on consideration,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of Bucks, or any of the Magistrates of the said county, be requested to assist Mr. Robert Smith, agent for confiscated estates in the city of Philadelphia, in the recovery of the said mulatto slave.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, or their order, for the sum of £47 1 9, of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly, passed the 25th day of March last, amount of their account of the expences of sundry persons in the said hospital.

A petition from Daniel Stevens, convicted of larceny at a court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at Philadelphia, the 25th day of September last, and sentenced by the said court to restore the value of the goods stolen, to be publickly whipped on his bare back, and pay a fine of £2,000 to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fine; on consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, on condition that the said Daniel Stevens shall enlist with Colonel Nichola, to serve in the Pennsylvania line during the present war, without any bounty.

The Council took into consideration the case of James Scott, committed to prison by an order of this Board of the 24th of April last; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said James Scott be released from confinement, on condition that he become bound, himself and two sufficient sureties, in the sum of £10,000; conditioned that he be of good behaviour during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Octo'r 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, &
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Council resumed the consideration of Doctor Adam Kuhn's case, in consequence of his letter of the 14th instant; therefore,

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Resolved, That agreeable to the resolution of the 12th instant, the said Dr. Adam Kuhn do depart this State in the sloop Elizabeth, William Westcoat, Master, for St. Croix, who will be ready to leave this port on Wednesday next, the 25th instant; and that the said Dr. Kuhn be released from that part of the said resolution as relates to his giving security in £100,000, and two sureties in £50,000 each, not to return to any part of America, or to any part of the dominions of the King of Great Britain. But it is understood, and hereby declared, that he is not to return to any of these United States during the continuance of the present war.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, of the 20th instant, and a Proclamation of the Hon'ble the Congress of the 18th inst., recommending to the several States to set apart Thursday, the 7th day of December next, as a day of publick thanksgiving and prayer, were read; and the said Proclamation is as follows, vizt:

PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all "mercies, amidst the vicissitudes and calamities of war, to bestow "blessings on the people of these States, which call for their de- "vout & thankful acknowledgements, more especially in the late "remarkable interposition of his watchful Providence, in rescuing "the person of our Commander-in-Chief, and the army, from im- "minent dangers, at the moment when treason was ripened for exe- "cution; in prospering the labours of the husbandmen, and caus- "ing the earth to yield its increase in plentiful harvests; & above "all, in continuing to us the enjoyment of the Gospel of Peace. "It is, therefore, recommended to the several States to set apart "Thursday, the 7th day of December next, to be observed as a day "of publick thanksgiving and prayer, that all the people may "assemble on that day to celebrate the praises of our Divine Bene- "factor, to confess our unworthiness of the least of his favours, "& to offer our fervent supplications to the God of all Grace, that "it may please Him to pardon our transgressions, & incline our "hearts for the future to keep all His laws; to comfort and re- "lieve our brethren who are anywise afflicted or distressed; to "smile upon our husbandry and trade; to direct our publick coun- "cils, and lead our forces, by sea and land, to victory; to take our "illustrious ally under His special protection, and favour our joint "councils and exertions for the establishment of permanent peace; "to cherish all schools & seminaries of education, and to cause the "knowledge of christianity to spread over all the earth."

"Done in Congress this 18th day of October, 1780, and in the "fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

"SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

"Attest:—CHAS. THOMPSON, Sec'ry."

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson,

A petition from Moses Judah, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of his petition be granted, on condition that he do not return again during the continuation of the present war.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James McLene, for the sum of £2,600, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Jared Ingersoll, Esq'r, for the sum of £6,000, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

A memorial from Dr. Adam Kuhn, and a petition from divers inhabitants of the city of Philad'a on his behalf, were read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That they be dismissed.

A circular letter from his Excellency General Washington of the 18th instant, representing the ill tendency of temporary enlistments, and calling upon the different States to compleat their several quotas of troops in the Continental army, for the continuance of the war, was read, together with a return of the troops of the Pennsylvania line.

Resolved, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esq'r, President of Congress, of the 16th instant, and a resolution of the Hon'ble the Congress of the tenth instant, inclosed therein, were read; by which it is

Resolved, "That the unappropriated lands that may be ceded "or relinquished to the United States by any particular States, "pursuant to the recommendation of Congress of the 6th of Sep- "tember last, shall be disposed of for the common benefit of the "United States, and be setled and formed into distinct republican "States, which shall become members of the Fœderal Union, and "have the same rights of sovereignty, freedom and independence, "as the other States. That each State which shall be so formed "shall contain a suitable extent of territory, not less than one hun- "dred nor more than 150 miles square, or as near thereto as cir- "cumstances will admit.

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"That the necessary and reasonable expences which any particu-
"lar State shall have incurred since the commencement of the
"present war, in subduing any of the British posts or garrisons
"within and for the defence, or in acquiring any part of the terri-
"tory that may be ceded or relinquished to the United States, shall
"be reimbursed:

"That the said lands shall be granted & settled at such times,
"and under such regulations, as shall hereafter be agreed on by the
"United States in Congress assembled, or any nine or more of
"them."

Resolved, That they be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of £4,660, Continental money, in State money, at sixty for one, amount of money due to the officers and men of the gallies, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the 23d of Sep'r to the 21st instant.

Resolved, That a pass be granted to Sarah Morgan to go into the city of New York, pursuant to a late order of this Board, of 6th June last, for sending away the wives of traitors who have joined the enemy.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Octo'r 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Gardner.

A return of the general election for the county of Cumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives in the General Assembly—Samuel Culbertson, Stephen Duncan, William Brown, Jonathan Hoge, John Andrew, John Harris, and John Allison.

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Sheriffs—John Boggs and Thomas Gibson.
Coroners—William Holmes and John Pollock.
Commissioner—William Findlay.
Assessors—James Poe, John Creigh, William Blaine, Joseph Junkin, John Stewart, Esq'r, and Matthew Henderson.

On consideration,

Resolved, That John Boggs, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Cumberland; and that William Holmes be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

John Boggs, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Cumberland, offers James Johnston and James Dunlap, of the said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, which this Council approves.

A petition from William Dowers, a discharged soldier from the Delaware state, now confined in the old goal, with a certificate from Doctor Phill, of his ill state of health, were laid before the Board; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a noli prosequi, and that the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to discharge him from confinement.

The Hon'ble Major General Baron de Stueben having applied to this Board, by the Honourable the Vice President, to rent the country seat late belonging to Benedict Arnold, an attainted traitor; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Baron de Stueben, occupy the above mentioned country seat untill the first day of April next, with the land thereunto belonging, except what may be contained within the present tenant's lease, for the sum of £35, specie, or the exchange of Continental money.

A return of Justices for the district contain'g the townships of Colebrookdale and Oley, in the county of Berks, being laid before the Board, it appears that John Guldin and Daniel Gager were duly elected Justices for the said district. On consideration,

Resolved, That John Guldin be appointed & commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Berks.

The petition from Moses Samuel Judah, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read, and rejected.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Octo'r 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

A letter was written to Robert Jewell, Esq'r, keeper of the new prison, permitting Mr. William Hamilton to retire to his county seat for seven days, provided Captain Shewell does not go for Coracoa sooner, taking Mr. Hamilton's parole to return into his custody when demanded.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Mrs. Margaret Arnold, (the wife of Benedict Arnold, an attainted traitor with the enemy at New York,) whose residence in this city has become dangerous to the publick safety; and this Board being desirous, as much as possible, to prevent any correspondence & intercourse being carried on with persons of disaffected character in this State and the enemy at New York, and especially with the said Benedict Arnold; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Margaret Arnold depart this State within fourteen days from the date hereof, and that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Octo'r 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Gardner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of £6,636 1 3, amount of his account for carpenter work done to the old work house, to wit: shingling, &ca.

A letter of the 26th instant, from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esq'r, President of Congress, and a resolution of the Hon'ble the Congress, of the 21st instant, inclosed therein, were read, and is as follows, vizt:

"*Resolved*, That the several regiments of infantry requested from the respective States by a resolution of the third instant, be augmented, and consist of one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major, where the full Colonels are continued, or one Lieu-

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tenant Colonel Commandant, and two Majors where the Colonels are not continued; nine Captains, 22 Subalterns, one Surgeon, one Surgeon's Mate, one Serjeant Major, one Quarter Master Serjeant, 45 Serjeants, one drum Major, one fife Major, 10 drums, 10 do. fifes, 612 rank and file. That there be a Captain and two Subalterns to each company, and that the four supernumerary Subalterns shall each have the rank of Lieutenant, one of which is to reside in the State to which he belongs, to enlist and forward on recruits, one drum and one fife from each regiment to attend the recruiting officer; the other three supernumerary officers to do the duty of Paymaster, Quarter Master, & Adjutant, in their respective regiments.

That the regiments of Artillery be augmented to 10 companies each.

That instead of four regiments of cavalry, there be four legionary corps, consisting of four troops of mounted dragoons, and two of dismounted dragoons, each consisting of sixty privates, with the same number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers to each troop as at present.

That there be two partizan corps, consisting of three troops of mounted, and three of dismounted dragoons, of fifty each; one of which corps to be commanded by Colonel Armand, and the other by Major Lee, and officered by appointment of the Commander-in-Chief, with the approbation of Congress, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to direct a mode for compleating, recruiting, and supplying the said corps.

That the whole of the troops be enlisted during the war, and join their respective corps by the first day of January next.

That the Commander-in-Chief, & the commanding officer in the southern department, direct the officers of each State to meet and agree upon the officers for the regiments to be raised by their respective States, from those who continue in service; and where it cannot be done by agreement to be determined by seniority, and make return of those who are to remain, which is to be transmitted to Congress, together with the names of the officers reduced, who are to be allowed half-pay for life.

That the officers who shall continue in service to the end of the war, shall be intitled to half-pay during life, to commence from the time of their reduction.

This Board having received information that a Flagg Vessel with prisoners is expected from New York:

Ordered, That Captain Nathan Boys be directed to dispatch a boat, under the command of a prudent officer, to watch her motions, and prevent all intercourse with the people on shore.

Resolved, That a warrant issue to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, for apprehending and bringing before this Board for examination, a certain John McFarlane, a suspicious character, lately come out of New York.

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A petition from Hannah Moore, praying to go into the city of New York, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted her on condition that she does not return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Octo'r 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read.

On application,

Ordered, That Ludwig Kale, now confined in the old goal, be released from his confinement, and also from the security required of him for his good behaviour by the city court; provided that he enters on board one of the Continental ships of war, to serve during the continuance of the present war.

A letter of the 26th instant, from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esq'r., President of Congress, was read, inclosing the following papers, vizt:

A resolution of the Hon'ble the Congress of the 24th instant, directing that the Commissary General of Purchases make accurate returns to Congress of the supplies furnished by each State since the last day of December last; and that the State agents transmit to the Commander-in-Chief and the Commissary General of Purchases, monthly returns of all the provisions which shall be drawn into their hands, specifying the articles and places where they shall be deposited, and also earnestly recommending to the several Legislatures to injoin it as a duty on their State agents, in such manner as to enforce a punctual obedience.

Copy of a letter of the 17th instant, from Colonel Ephraim Blaine, Commissary General of Purchases, to his Excellency the President of Congress, on the subject of supplies for the army.

Copy of a letter of the 29th of September, 1780, from Robert Forsyth, D. C. Gen'l Purchases, to Col'l Blaine.

And a copy of a letter of the 17th of August last, from Dudley Digges, Esq'r, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, to Major Forsyth.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Rebecca Griffith, (wife of Evan Griffith, an attainted traitor, late of York county, and now with the enemy,) to go into the city of New York, pursuant to an order of this Board of the sixth of June last, for sending within the lines of the enemy the wives of traitors.

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John McFarlane having been brought before this Board pursuant to the order of Saturday last; and on examination, it appearing that he is a person of suspicious character, whose going at large is dangerous to the publick safety.

On consideration,

Resolved, That he be committed to the common goal of this city, there to remain until delivered in due course of law.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Octo'r 31st, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacy, Mr. Read, &
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £878 7 6, amount of his account for his wages from the 1st to the 31st of October, 1780, at 60 dollars, and for cash paid for sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Nov'r 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

Sundry complaints having been exhibited ag'st the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty,

Resolved, That Friday next be appointed to take the same into consideration; that the doors of the Council Chambers be open, and such persons as apprehend themselves injured by excessive charges, or other alledged misconduct of the s'd Marshall in office, be desired to exhibit their complaints at or before that day.

Resolved, That Saturday next be appointed to inquire in like manner into the conduct of the Lieutenants of the city, so far as the same respects the non-payment of the militia on their late tour of duty.

A petition from Claudius Pattison, a native of France, was read, setting forth that he had been convicted of felony at the city Court

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held at Philadelphia the twenty-third of October last, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipped, and pay to the use of the State a fine of £200, and praying remission of the said punishment and fine; a recommendation from the Judges of the said court on his behalf being also read.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said punishment of whipping, and the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, be remitted.

A petition from Isaac Austin, representing that he had become a purchaser of part of the estate late of his brother William Austin, an attainted traitor, and that he hath not paid any part of the purchase money, in consequence whereof the same is again advertised for sale, was read, praying this Board to suspend the said sale untill his claim, now depending before the Supreme Court, be finally determined; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Nov'r 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Gardner,

A letter of the second instant from Peter Kohler, Esquire, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace for the county of Northampton, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in the General Assembly for the said county, was read; & thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

The Council taking into consideration the situation of Eneas Urquhart and Alexander Kidd, now confined in the new prison,

Resolved, That they have permission to embark for the West Indies: Provided, that they enter into security, themselves and two sufficient sureties, in the sum of £20,000 each, not to return to any part of North America during the continuance of the the present war.

The petition of Gifford Dalbey, praying permission for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Pettit, to come out of New York with her family and effects, she intending to reside in this State, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

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A petition from Martha Bartram, for a pass to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted her on condition that she do not return during the continuance of the present war.

An application from the inhabitants of the town of Sherben, on the island of Nantucket, and a recommendation on their behalf from the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay, were read, requesting permission for a certain Treistram Coffin, Master of the Schooner Phœnix, to purchase & ship flour in this State for the consumption of the inhabitants of the said town, they being in great want of provisions; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said permission cannot be granted, this Board not having authority to dispense with the embargo.

The Council took into consideration the appoint'g three auctioneers, to wit: one for the city of Philadelphia; one for the Northern Liberties; and one for the district of Southwark; pursuant to the powers vested in this Board by an act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An Act for the effectual suppression of publick auctions and vendues, and to prohibit male persons, capable of bearing arms, from being hawkers and pedlars;'" and petitions from the following named persons being read, vizt: Matthias Bush, Alexander Boyd, William Browne, Joseph Blewer, James Dundas, John Kling, Richard Humphreys, John Young, Jun'r, James Rowan, Nathan Boys, William Harris, James Loughead, John Hewson, James Claypole and John Bayard; and the same being ballotted for, John Bayard, Esq'r, Major Alexander Boyd and Mr. William Brown, were elected; whereupon,

Resolved, That John Bayard, Esq'r, be appointed Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia; that Major Alexander Boyd, be appointed Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties; and that Mr. William Browne be appointed Auctioneer for the district of Southwark; and that they be commissioned accordingly for and during pleasure.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Novem'r 3d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

John Bayard, Esq'r, attended in Council and took the oaths necessary to qualify him for the execution of his office of Auction-

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eer for the city of Philadelphia, and also offered Doctor James Hutchinson & Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esq'r, as surcties for his faithfull performance of the duties of the said office, which the Council approve.

A letter of the 2d instant from William Mitchell, Esq'r, praying leave to resign his offices of Justice of the Peace and Agent for Confiscated Estates in the county of York, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in the General Assembly for the said county, was read; & thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A letter of the third instant from Evan Evans and David McKinney, Esq'rs, Justices of the Peace of the county of Chester, and a letter of the same day from Stephen Duncan, Esq'r, Treasurer of the county of Cumberland, were read, praying leave to resign their said offices, in consequence of their having been elected Representatives in the General Assembly for the said counties respectively. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said resignations be accepted.

This day being appointed to inquire into the conduct of Matthew Clarkson, Esq'r, Marshall of the court of Admiralty, and the parties attending, the Council proceeded to a hearing of the Hon'ble Judge of Admiralty, and divers other gentlemen, in support of the charges exhibited against the said Marshall; and he having made his reply to the same, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Novem'r 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

Mr. Read,

John Van Campen, Esq'r, Councellor elect for the county of Northampton, appeared in Council & took the oath of allegiance, and oath of office required by the Constitution; and thereupon, took his seat accordingly.

A petition from Thomas McGee and James Johnston, convicted of larceny at a city court, held in October last, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £5,000, to be publickly whipt, and pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said fines; thereupon,

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Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, on condition that they enter on board the Continental ship Confederacy, to serve during the continuance of the present war.

A petition from Frederick McCunn was also read, setting forth that he had been convicted of felony at a city court, held in January last, upon three indictments, and sentenced to pay three several fines to the use of the State, and praying remission of the said fines; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fines be remitted, on condition of his serving as aforesaid.

Henry Hill, Sharp Delany, & Gerardus Wynkoop, Esq'rs, a committee of the Hon'ble the House of Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that the House was now met, and were ready to receive such business as the Council may have to lay before them; to which the President replied that the papers were preparing and would be laid before the House in a short time.

Mr. William Browne attended in Council, and took the oaths necessary to qualify him for the execution of his office of Auctioneer for the District of Southwark, & also offered Messrs. John Dunlap & William Turnbull as sureties for his faithfull performance of the duties of the said office, which the Council approve.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of £1,440, Continental money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Reily, and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood, & Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the 25th of Septem'r to the 22d of October last.

A petition from Mary Hasenclever and Leonard Jacobi, executors of the last will & testament of Francis C. Hasenclever, deceased, was read, representing that they have been called upon for divers fines for the non-attendance of the deceased upon muster days, and for neglecting to perform his tour of duty on the late call of militia; that by reason of sickness he was incapable of rendering the service required of him, and praying the aid of this Board therein. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed, the court of appeal being the proper place for the party to get relief.

The Lieutenants of the city of Philadelphia attended in Council, pursuant to the order of this Board of the 1st instant, and the Council proceeded to an inquiry into their conduct; and some time being spent thereon, they withdrew.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Novem'r 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Van Campen.

The following orders were drawn on the Treas'r, viz't:

In favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £15,000, for paying the workmen employed at the fortifications on Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions.

In favour of John Shee, Esq'r, for the sum of £49 10, State money, for thirty-three days attendance as one of the Auditors of the publick accounts, from 22d of September to the 31st of October last, at 30 shillings ℔ day.

In favour of Mr. Jacob Morris, for the sum of £49 10, State money, for attendance as aforesaid.

In favour of Mr. Joseph Dean, for the sum of £48, State money, for thirty-two days attendance as aforesaid.

The following Message from the President and Council to the General Assembly being read and considered, was approved and signed, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:

We esteem ourselves happy in meeting the renewed choice of the people in legislation, at a period so peculiarly critical and interesting. If wisdom, firmness, and mutual confidence were ever necessary in this great contest, they are so at this time, when our enemies, forsaking, in no small degree, the efforts of open and manly force, build their hopes of success on the arts of disaffection and corruption; and presume that, wearied with the contest, or ingrossed with selfish and gainfull views, we shall yet relinquish the glorious object of so many toils and so much blood. It is not only our duty, but immediate interest, to convince them that their hopes are equally fallacious, whether founded on arms or seduction, on our deficiencies in civil or military virtue; and if ever any people had reason to presume their cause was approved of Heaven, we surely may, when we see not only signal interpositions of Providence, but behold the labours of the husbandman and cares of the

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merchant crowned with growing plenty and increasing success. It must be truly animating to see that our enemies draw not a ray of comfort from our inability or poverty, but our supposed debasement of spirit and exhausted patriotism. If, therefore, as we are bound together in one common interest, we are equally united in adopting and enforcing a permanent, effective system of defence, we may soon hope that despair will succeed disappointment, and even British pride do homage to American virtue.

The first great object to which we must call your attention is the army. To bring a competent force into the field, to make it efficient, by seasonable & sufficit supplies, and to relieve the distresses of captivity, are three points too important to overlook. We shall lay before you the sentiments of the Hon'ble the Congress and our excellent Commander-in-Chief, on the first point, which, as well from their genuine worth as the authority from which they come, deserve the greatest respect, and more especially as a number on temporary enlistments may be retained, if suitable means are seasonably provided.

As to the second, experience obliges us to declare, that we find the modes lately adopted liable to so much delay, obscurity, fraud, and expence, that nothing but the most absolute necessity will, in our opinion, justify its continuance. It would exceed the bounds of this address to enter into particulars, but we shall be ready to give your Hon'ble House such further information as you may deem necessary on this interesting subject.

We must also, in duty and justice to a number of brave men, who have long languished in captivity, lay their case before you. By the accompanying papers you will see that we have complied with the desires of the former House of Assembly, in an application to the General in their behalf; and we have the pleasure of informing you that so general an exchange is likely to take place, that many will soon be restored to their friends. But as the chances of war must necessarily subject many, in future, to the like condition, we hope they will be objects of your care and provision.

To effect these and various other purposes, highly important and interesting to the happiness and safety of this State, and to enable the Executive powers of Government to perform the necessary duties enjoined by sundry acts of Assembly, in cloathing and supplying the troops with enumerated articles, defending and protecting the frontiers, compleating the defence of this city and port, and complying with the requisitions of Congress, together with the necessary support of civil government, the revenues of the State will become an object of your special inquiry.

Deficiencies, we doubt not, you will supply, and as far as possible remove obstructions, which the peculiarity of our situation has in many instances unavoidably created. Bearing a proportionate part of the publick burthens with yourselves, we have endeavoured on

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all occasions to appropriate the publick treasure to the purposes directed, with prudence and economy. But as the provision for publick necessities is peculiarly within the province of your Hon'ble House, we shall not enlarge farther upon it than to assure you we shall be ready at all times to give any necessary information. We would particularly lay before you a measure framed by the former House of Assembly for the present relief of their constituents, and executed by this Board under their instructions, on which an eventual engagement is founded, involving in it the honor and good faith of the State, as well as the ease of the people under the burthens of the war. The minute of the Council which will be laid before you, will give you such full acquaintance with the transaction, the success of which we may every day expect to hear, that we hope you will make the necessary provision for an honourable compliance with the stipulations which may be entered into on behalf of the State.

The Continental troops being wholly withdrawn from the frontiers, except those under the command of Colonel Brodhead, at Fort Pitt, and the enlistment of the ranging companies expiring in January next, the distresses of our friends in that quarter, will undoubtedly demand the care and attention of the House. As the invasion of the savages will probably continue as long as British art and cruelty continue to excite them, we could wish, if it were possible, that some more efficacious protection could be afforded them. Disappointed in our attempts, last spring, to raise men for that service during the war, we have been obliged to adopt temporary enlistments, and call for occasional militia, both attended with much expence & many inconveniencies.

The final settlement of the contested boundaries of this State and Virginia, induces us to lay before you the propriety and policy of setting off one or more counties, so as to introduce law, order, and good government, where they have been long and much wanted. We think it would also conduce much to the defence of the frontiers and safety of the interior country, as the strength of those parts might then be organized & systematically drawn forth in case of necessity.

Among the many papers now communicated, the Hon'ble House will find cogent representations on the supplies of the Fœderal army. The demands on this State have been very great, and will probably be continued. We most earnestly wish to answer every reasonable expectation; but the quantities demanded, and prices required, have so far exceeded any provision made, that the exertions of our Commissioners have fallen very short of even reasonable prospects. We should have rejoiced, and no measures were left unessayed by us, to give the money issued on the credit of the State, on a solid security, for the supply of the army, its full and just estimation, as well as general circulation; but as we had neither ability or disposition to force the publick confidence, we can only,

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in common with our fellow-citizens, lament the disappointment and regret the consequences which have not been in our power to prevent. If it was a wise and practicable measure, the wisdom of the present house will doubtless devise some proper means to restore and support it; if otherwise, they will substitute something more usefull and agreeable. But to take the property of one part of the community, without equivalent, to answer the purposes of the whole, renders government odious, and has, we fear, been one source of the present embarrassment in our public affairs.

We feel every disposition arising from the importance and exigency of the present hour, to concur with you in every measure to serve and promote our common interests and happiness, to bring the war to a safe and honourable issue, and establish the liberty and independence of our country. We shall be happy to see prejudice and party, from whatever cause, wholly done away, and no other contest subsist among us but who shall serve his country most faithfully and usefully.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Novem'r 6th, 1780.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Novem'r 7th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Frederick A. Muhlenberg, for the sum of £8,446 10, ballance of his account for his attendance in Congress as a delegate for this State, to the twenty-eighth of October last.

A petition from John Smith, on behalf of a certain Margaret Eshler, was read, representing that she had been convicted of felony at a court held in July last, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipped, to pay a fine to the use of the State, of the sum of £1,557 9 6, and the costs of prosecution, and praying remission of the said fine; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted.

The Board resumed the consideration of the case of the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty, and the several particulars of complaint being discussed, are of opinion that the charges of delaying the settlement of accounts, and raising excessive expences,

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are either wholly obviated, or accounted for from the intermixture of other accounts, and the expence of all kinds and living in this city.

That the Marshall was justified in refusing to permit any interested persons to keep the keys of the hatches of any prizes, he being a sworn officer, and responsible for the property intrusted to his care, it being clearly the opinion of this Board, that he alone is entitled to the custody and direction of all prizes and their cargoes, from the time of coming into port to their condemnation and sale.

The Marshall having admitted the charges of the Judge in not returning writs, appraisments, & accounts of sale, but excused himself by long usage and practice, and that such return had not been required by the court 'till very lately, and excused his non-attendance on the court in like manner. This Board admit it as a great palliation, but hope that in future such returns will be made, as well to do justice to the suitors of the court, as prevent the confusion which must otherwise unavoidably ensue, and that in future the court will be attended by its proper officers.

With respect to selling the property in the court before condemnation, this appearing in only one instance, and evidence being offered shewing that it was with the previous knowledge of the Judge, tho' afterwards countermanded when too late, the Board are of opinion it takes away much of the criminality of the charge, and more especially as it has obtained in other cases; but the practice is liable to so many abuses and ill consequences to the publick and individuals, that this Board do entirely disapprove thereof, and in this instance, think the Marshall in some degree culpable.

The charge of not executing the writt of the court for a very flagrant contempt, was excused by a note, apparently official, from the Secretary of the Council, and had not the Marshall been otherwise informed by the Judge, would have been a reasonable exculpation; but as the nature of the offence and process required immediate dispatch, it is the opinion of the Board that the Marshall ought to have known with certainty the pleasure of the Council to the contrary, or have obeyed the orders of the Judge; and that permitting twelve days to elapse in such a case, evidently tended not only to lessen the consequence and weight of the court, but to encourage future contempts; that in this instance, therefore, the Marshall is culpable.

That it is of much importance to support harmony between the judicial and ministerial officers of the courts of justice, of which little hope can be entertained in the present case.

That the Marshall being an officer during pleasure, it is implied in the nature of his office, that if the Council are of opinion the publick interests will suffer by his continuance in office, they have a right, and it is their duty to discontinue him. That in the opinion of the Council, this is the present case, and therefore, they su-

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precede the appointment of the said Marshall, without prejudice to his moral character or abilities, which have not been questioned, or for any other cause than herein set forth.

Resolved, That Friday next be appointed to fill up the vacancy of the Marshall.

WHEREAS, It has appeared to this Board, on hearing the complaints against the Marshall, that it has been customary for the Marshall to be interested in privateers:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that such practice, or purchasing at his own sales, or being agent for interested persons, are liable to many publick inconveniences and discontents, and ought to be avoided.

A resolution of the Hon'ble Congress of the 25th of October last, was received and read, recommending to the several States to exert their utmost endeavors to furnish their quotas of troops in the Continental line with cloathing, on the terms mentioned in the former resolution of Congress on this subject.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, apprehend a certain Jacob Schell, and bring him before this Board to-morrow, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer a complaint made against him.

A petition from Theophilus Garden, praying a pass to the Island of Jamaica, by way of New York, for his son-in-law Benjamin Hogeland, was read, and the same was dismissed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Nov'r 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, &
Mr. Read,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £5,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £2,000, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneyder, for the sum of £2,000, for purchasing fire wood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

It appearing to this Board by a certificate from General Irwin, that the following gentlemen are entitled to promotion in the 11th

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Pennsylvania Regiment, vizt:—Captain Lieutenant Jeremiah Jackson to be Captain, Vice Captain Forrester, deceased, March 16th, 1780; Lieutenant Edward Burke to be Captain Lieutenant, Vice Jackson promoted, March 16th, 1780; Second Lieutenant William Huston to be first Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Davis resigned, February 24th, 1780; Second Lieutenant Jacob Weitzell to be first Lieuten't, Vice Lieutenant William Gemminn resigned, March 11th, 1780; Ensign Robert Allison to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Burke promoted, March 16th, 1780; Ensign Francis Thornbury to be Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenant Street resigned, May 25th, 1780; Doctor Reading Beatty to be Surgeon, Vice Doctor Wiggins resigned, May 1st, 1780; thereupon,

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Hon'ble Board of War for commissions.

Mr. Gray, Mr. Wynkoop and Mr. Harris, a committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, attended in Council, and proposed to the consideration of the Board the appointing a day for electing a President and Vice President; when Tuesday next was recommended as a proper day.

A petition from divers inhabitats of this State in behalf of William Hamilton, was read and dismissed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Novem'r 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of this day, was received and read, assigning Tuesday next for the election of a President and Vice President, and appointing a committee, vizt:—Mr. Gray, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wynkoop and Mr. W. Harris, to adjust the ceremonies necessary to be observed on the occasion.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Robert Lollar, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Philadelphia, for the sum of £120,000 Continental money, out of the monies paid into his hands by Colonel William Coates, Lieutenant of the said county, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of 1,000 dollars, Continental money, to be employed for special and secret purposes.

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The Council took into consideration the following transcripts of conviction, vizt:

James Sutton, convicted of piracy at a court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery, held at Philadelphia the twenty-fifth day of September last, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck until he be dead.

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on the said James Sutton, at the usual place of execution, on Wednesday the 29th instant, between the hours of ten and two of the clock, of the same day.

Richard Chamberlane, convicted of felony in passing counterfeit money, knowing it to be such, at the said court, and sentenced to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead.

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on the said Richard Chamberlane, at the usual place of execution, on Saturday the 25th instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day.

James Read, convicted of felony in passing counterfeit money, knowing it to be such, at the said court, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead.

Ordered, That the said James Read be reprieved, on condition that he serve during the present war, on board one of the Continental frigates, and that he be taken to the gallows with the other criminals.

Ralph Morden, convicted of high treason at a court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at Easton, for the county of Northampton, the 30th day of October last, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead.

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on the said Ralph Morden, on Saturday, the 25th day of November instant, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day.

And that warrants for the execution of the said sentences be issued in due form, under the less Seal of the State, and directed to the Sheriffs of the city and county of Philadelphia, & county of Northampton, respectively.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, November 10th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Van Campen.

Resolved, That Mr. Lacey and Mr. Whitehill be a committee of the Council, to meet the committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, to agree upon the ceremonies necessary to be observed at the election of the President and Vice President, to be held on Tuesday next.

A petition from John Swanwick, on behalf of his mother, the wife of Richard Swanwick, an attainted traitor, praying permission for her to return to this State, was read, & the same was dismissed.

William Kerlin being brought before this Board, charged with carrying on an illegal traffick with a Captain of a Flag ship from the enemy, and it appearing to the Board that the charge is well founded,

Resolved, That he deliver the goods in his possession to the agents of confiscated estates, give security for his good behaviour for twelve months, and that his licence as a public house keeper be superceded for the like time, and that a copy of this minute be sent to the Justices of the Sessions of Chester county; that he be discharged on paying the expenses accruing hereon.

A transcript of the record of the conviction of David Dawson, of high treason, at a court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at Philadelphia the 25th of September last, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead.

Ordered, That execution of the said sentence be made and done upon him, the said Daniel Dawson, on Saturday the 25th instant, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock of the afternoon of the same day, & that a warrant issue accordingly.

A petition from Hugh Dunahow, representing that he had been convicted of felony upon two indictments at a court of General Quarter Sessions, held at Yorktown, for the county of York, in April last, and sentenced to be publickly whipt & pillored, to pay two several fines to the use of the State, and the costs of prosecution, and praying remission of the said fines, was read; and thereupon,

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Resolved, That the fines adjudged by the said court to be paid by the said Hugh Dunahow be remitted, on condition of his entering on board one of the Continental frigates, & serving during the present war.

A petition from William Montgomery, representing that he had been convicted upon five indictments of felony at a court of General Quarter Sessions held at York town, for the county of York, in January last, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipt and pillored, to pay five several fines to the use of the State, and the costs of prosecution, and praying remission of the said fines, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged by the said court to be paid by the said William Montgomery, be remitted, on condition that he enters on board one of the Continental frigates, to serve during the continuance of the present war.

A petition from Jacob Sponseller, convicted of felony upon three indictments at the said court, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, pay three several fines to the use of the State, and the costs of prosecution, was read, setting forth that he is unable to pay the said fines, and praying remission of the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged by the said court to be paid to the use of the State by the said Jacob Sponseller, be remitted.

A petition from Justin McCarty, now confined in the old goal, praying to be released from his confinement, was read, and the same was dismissed.

This day being appointed to fill up the vacancy of the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty, agreeable to the resolution of this Board of the seventh instant; and petitions from the following named persons being read, vizt: Clement Biddle, David Lenox, Thomas Lawrence, Joseph Dean, John Patton, Solomon Bush, Joseph Blewer, James Claypoole.

The Council proceeded to an election by ballot, when Clement Biddle, Esq'r, was duly elected; whereupon,

Resolved, That Clement Biddle, Esquire, be appointed Marshall of the Court of Admiralty of this State, in the room of Matthew Clarkson, Esq'r, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The following proclamation being read and considered, was approved, and ordered to be published:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble the Congress of the United States of America, by their resolve of the eighteenth of October last, did recommend in the following words, to wit:

"WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all Mercies, amidst the vicissitudes of war, to bestow blessings on the

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people of these States, which call for their devout and thankfull acknowledgements, more especially in the late remarkable interposition of his watchfull Providence in rescuing the person of our Commander-in-Chief and the army from imminent dangers, at the moment when treason was ripened for execution; in prospering the labours of the husbandman, and causing the earth to yield its increase in plentifull harvests; and, above all, in continuing to us the enjoyment of the Gospel of peace.

"It is, therefore, recommended to the several States to set apart Thursday the seventh day of December next, to be observed as a day of publick thanksgiving and prayer; that all the people may assemble on that day to celebrate the praises of our Divine Benefactor; to confess our unworthiness of the least of his favours, & to offer our fervent supplications to the God of all grace, that it may please him to pardon our heinous sins and transgressions, and incline our hearts for the future to keep all his laws; to comfort and relieve our brethren who are in anywise afflicted or distressed; to smile upon our husbandry and trade; to direct our publick councils, and lead our forces by land and sea to victory; to take our illustrious ally under His special protection, and favour our joint councils and exertions for the establishment of speedy and permanent peace; to cherish all schools and seminaries of learning, and to cause the knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the earth."

Wherefore, as well in respect of the said recommendation of Congress, as the plain dictates of duty to acknowledge the favour and goodness of Providence, and implore its further protection, we do hereby earnestly recommend to the good people of Pennsylvania, to set apart Thursday the seventh day of December next, for the pious purposes expressed in the said resolve, and that they abstain from all labour on that day.

Given, &ca., this 10th of November, 1780.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest:—TIM'Y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Novem'r 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read.

Clement Biddle, Esq'r, attended in Council, and took the oath, necessary to qualify him for the execution of his office of Marshall

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of the Court of Admiralty of this State, and offers Mr. John Biddle and Owen Biddle, Esq'r, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of the said office.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of this day was received and read, requesting the Council to suspend the sale of all confiscated estates yet unsold, untill the further order of the House.

The committee of Council appointed to confer with a committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly upon the place of electing a President and Vice President of this Council, and to adjust the ceremonies necessary to be observed on the occasion, report:

That having conferred with the committee of the Hon'ble House upon the subject committed to them, it is agreed that the Assembly will, on next Tuesday at ten o'clock, meet the Council in the Council Chamber, & there proceed to the election of a President and Vice President, agreeable to the constitution; that after the said election is finished, the Council and Assembly proceed to the court house, and there make proclamation of the President and Vice President so chosen; and the committee submit to the Council the order of procession.

Resolved, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates suspend all further sales of real estates untill the further order of the Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Hannums for the sum of £6,304, Continental money, ballance of his account for purchasing cattle in the county of Chester, for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly, passed the first of June last.

A memorial from Isaac Austin, praying permission to meet his brother William Austin on the lines of the enemy, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the said permission cannot at present be granted, information having been received that an embarkation of troops is taking place at New York.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Nov'r 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill, &
Mr. Van Campen.

A return of the general election of the county of Westmoreland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gen-

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tlemen were duly elected, vizt: Councellor—Christopher Hayes, Esq'r; Represent's in the General Assembly—Samuel Sloan, Isaac Mason and David Sample, Esq'rs; Sheriffs—Matthew Jack and William Waddle; Coroners—Michael Rough and Samuel Bradley; Commissioner—William Todd; Assessors—John Sheppard, William Jack, John Nesbitt, Jacob Macklin, John Allen & Peter Knight.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Matthew Jack be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland, and that Michael Rough be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

Matthew Jack, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Westmoreland, offers Colonel Archibald Lockry and Captain Joseph Erwin, of the said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, which this Council approve.

Resolved, That the Keeper of the Goal of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to detain and safely keep the body of Samuel Chapman, lately brought to this city from Boston, untill he be delivered in due course of law.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Nov'r 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Read,

The Clerk of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in Council, and informed the House was now ready to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do attend the Hon'ble House, & inform the House that the Council is now ready to receive the House in the Council Chamber, and to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President of the Council.

The Hon'ble the Speaker of the House and the General Assembly attended in Council; and thereupon, the Secretary of the Council and the Clerk of the House, proceeded to take the votes for the President; and the votes were as follows, vizt:

For Joseph Reed, Esquire, fifty-nine.

For William Moore, Esq'r, one.

The General Assembly and Council then proceeded to the choice of a Vice President, and the votes were as follows, vizt:

For William Moore, Esq'r, fifty-three.

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For Gen'l James Potter, Esq'r, six.
For General Lacey, one.

And thereupon, it was declared that Joseph Reed, Esq'r, was then duly elected to be President, & William Moore, Esquire, was then duly elected Vice President. And the following declaration of the said election being read, was signed by his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, and the other Members of the Council then present, and the same was also signed by the Hon'ble Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly, and by the Members of the House of General Assembly then present, to wit:—By Joseph Reed, President, William Moore, Vice President, John Lacey, Junior, Joseph Gardner, Robert Whitehill, James Read, John Van Campen, Frederick A. Muhlenberg, Speaker. And the said declaration was in the following words, to wit:

To all people to whom these presents shall come or may concern: The General Assembly & Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania send greeting: Know ye that we, the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the President and other members of the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, have, agreeable to the direction of the nineteenth section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly and fairly elected and chosen by ballot, his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, and the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, of the Supreme Executive Council: And to the end that due regard and obedience may be paid to them in the execution of their respective offices, on all occasions; We do hereby make known and declare that the s'd Joseph Reed, Esquire, is the President, and the said William Moore, Esquire, is the Vice President, of the Supreme Executive Council.

In testimony, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the 14th day of Novem'r, in the fifth year of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty: And the said Joseph Reed, Esq'r, is hereby proclaimed to be Captain General & Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed unanimously, that the said declaration of the election of the President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, be publickly read at the court house in the city of Philadelphia, by the Secretary of the Council, and that the Secretary of the Council do then proclaim the President in the following words, viz:

And the said Joseph Reed, Esq'r, is hereby proclaimed to be the President of the said Supreme Executive Council, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Agreed, that the order of the procession to the court house be as follows, to wit:—Constables with their staves. Sub-Sheriffs with their wands. High Sheriff with his wand. Coroner with his wand. Judges of the Supreme Court. Prothonotary of the Supreme Court. Judge, Register and Marshall of the Admiralty. Treasurer and Attorney General of the State. Justices of the Peace. Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. Secretary of the Council. His Excellency the President and Honourable the Vice President. Members of the Council, two and two. Door-keeper of the Council. Sergeant-at-Arms with the Mace. The Hon'ble the Speaker of the House Clerke of the House. Members of the General Assembly, two and two. Door-keeper of the General Assembly. Citizens.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Nov'r 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £200, State money, for paying the workmen employed at the fortifications at Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions, for which he is to account.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'be John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, one for four thousand dollars, Continental money, and the other for the amount of six hundred pounds, Continental money, in State money, at sixty for one, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A petition from James Boyd, and Sceny his wife, convicted of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, at a city court held in July last, & sentenced each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of £4,000, to be publickly whipt, and pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said fines; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged by the said court to be paid by the said James Boyd, and Sceny his wife, be remitted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Nov'r 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Brigadier General Potter,
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Whitehill.

Brigadier Gen'l James Potter, Esq'r, Councillor elect for the county of Northumberland, appeared in Council, and took the oath of allegiance, and oath of office required by the Constitution, and thereupon took his seat accordingly.

His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, Presid't, in consequence of his election to that office on Tuesday last, now took the oath of allegiance, and oath of office required by the Constitution of the State. And the Honourable William Moore, Esquire, Vice President, elected to that office on Thursday last, took the oath of allegiance, and the oath of office required by the Constitution.

The dispatch of publick business, & convenience of the members, requiring stated hours of meeting,

Resolved, That from eleven to two o'clock be appointed for the ordinary business of the Council.

Colonel Miles, Dep. Quarter Master, having represented to this Board that the present stock of hay will be insufficient for the Continental use for the winter, and having requested, in order to obviate difficulties arising from the law, that Peter Dehaven might be appointed to procure an additional quantity, he charging the State no commission,

Resolved, That he be appointed a Commissioner for the purchase of hay only.

A circular letter of the 13th instant, from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esq'r, President of Congress, was read, inclosing a resolution of the Hon'ble Congress of the 10th instant, for preventing frauds practiced by British vessels who have possessed themselves of American papers taken in prizes; and the same being considered, the Board came to the following resolution, vizt:

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble Congress, in order to prevent frauds practiced by British vessels, who have possessed themselves of American papers taken in prizes, have directed that in future there be inserted on the back of the commission of every armed vessel, a minute description of the persons of the Captain and Lieutenant, with their age, stature & complexion, respectively:

And that all vessels going on mercantile voyages, the Master and Mate do undersign their clearances in the presence of the Naval

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Officer, who in like manner is to endorse on said clearance a minute description of the persons of the Master and Mate, with their age, stature, complexion, &ca., respectively, and certify the same under his signature and seal of office, to which all persons concerned are required to conform, and govern themselves accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Nov'r 17th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, &
Mr. Read,	Colonel Piper.

Colonel John Piper, Councillor elect for the county of Bedford, appeared in Council, and took the oath of allegiance, and oath of office required by the Constitution, and thereupon took his seat accordingly.

A return of the general election of the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vist:

Councillor—John Piper, Esq.

Representatives—John Burd and Joseph Powell, Esq'rs.

Sheriffs—John Cessna and John Bennett, Esq'rs.

Coroners—John Wilt and Samuel Graves, Esq'r.

Commissioner—Cornelius McCauly.

Assessors—Robert Moore, Thomas Furguson, Robert Galbraith, Peter Smith, Frederick Ambrose, and John Todd.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Cessna, Esq'r, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Bedford, and that John Wilt, Esq'r, be appointed Coroner of the said county.

John Cessna, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bedford, now offers Charles Cessna and Samuel Moore, of said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff; which this Council approve.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of the sixteenth instant was received and read, appointing a committee to confer with this Council upon that part of the message from the Council to the General Assembly which respects the State money. The members chosen, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Hoge and Mr. Montgomery. Thereupon, agreed that this Board will meet the said

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committee at six o'clock this evening, in the Council Chamber, on the said business.

A letter was received from his Excellency General Washington, dated the 10th instant, requesting this State to procure cloathing for its troops, without delay. Also, a letter from Colonel Pickering, requesting provision may be made for quartering a regiment of cavalry in this State; both which were sent to the House of Assembly, with the following, vizt:

Message from the President & Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—His Excellency General Washington has made an earnest representation on the subject of cloathing for the army, which, with a letter from Colonel Pickering, the Quarter Master General, on the provision for a regiment of cavalry, to be quartered in this State this winter, we lay before you.

The State store is exhausted, & the money in the Treasurer's hands not being current, we have no means of compliance with these requisitions 'till we shall be enabled by your Hon'ble House.

The subjects are so important, that we cannot doubt they will have your immediate attention.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Nov'r 17th, 1780.

Resolutions of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the 10th instant, were read, appointing a committee of three, to wit: Mr. Steinmetz, Mr. Mifflin and Mr. Montgomery, to inquire what expences have been incurred during the last year on account of the civil Government of this State, and to report a compleat list of all officers now in the pay of this Government, with their respective salaries, and authorising the said committee to request from this council a list of all persons employed by the Council during the last year, with an account of the pay, fees, perquisites or salaries, annexed to the offices of the said persons respectively, so far as the same can be ascertained, and also an account of all monies received by Government in the last year, and of the application thereof, so far as the same may have come under the order of this Council.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

It appearing to this Board by a certificate from General St. Clair, that the following gentlemen are entitled to promotion in the fourth Pennsylvania regiment, vizt:—Captain Lieutenant Sproat to be Captain; Captain Tudor, promoted to be Major, April 17th, 1780; Lieutenant Campbell to be Captain Lieutenant; Captain Lieutenant Sproat promoted; Ensign Pratt to be Lieutenant, Lieutenant

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Potom resigned, January 1st, 1780; Ensign Hemly to be Lieutenant—Lieutenant Campbell; thereupon,

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Honourable Board of War for commissions.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Nov'r 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen.

The Council took into consideration the act of the General Assembly of this State, directing that one of the Justices in each respective county be appointed to preside in the respective Courts of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Court; whereupon,

Resolved, That pursuant to the powers vested in this Board by the said act of Assembly, the following gentlemen be appointed & commissioned for and during pleasure, vizt:

For the city of Philadelphia—Plunkett Fleeson, Esq'r.
County of Philadelphia—
Bucks—Henry Wynkoop, Esquire.
Chester—William Clingan, Esq'r.
Lancaster—William Henry, Esq'r.
York—Richard McAllister, Esq'r.
Cumberland—
Berks—Peter Spiker, Esq'r.
Northampton—Nicholas Dupui, Esq'r.
Bedford—Barnard Dougherty, Esq'r.
Northumberland—Frederick Antis, Esq'r.
Westmoreland—

A letter from his Excellency Sam'l Huntington, Esquire, President of Congress, of the sixteenth instant, was received and read, inclosing an extract of a letter of the seventh, from his Excellency General Washington, on the subject of supplies for the army, and an act of Congress of the 14th, earnestly requesting the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, to forward to the army,

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without loss of time, as great a proportion of the provisions assigned to their quota as can be procured, while the season admits of transportation, and recommending to the respective States (where it hath not been already done) to pass laws to inflict capital punishment on all persons who shall furnish the enemy with provisions, military or naval stores, and that the most effectual measures be adopted for the vigorous execution of such laws.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Captain Dean Ziegler be appointed distributer of the enumerated articles to be issued to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to an act of Assembly, passed the first of March last, entitled "An Act for the more effectual "supply and honorable reward of the Pennsylvania troops in the "service of the United States of America;" and also sub-clothier of this State, pursuant to a resolution of Congress of the 23d of March, 1779.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Nov'r 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Piper.

On representation of Doctor Cowell and Dr. Hutchinson, that Joseph Paxton, a prisoner, now confined in the new goal, is dangerously ill, and that the fresh air would contribute to his recovery,

Ordered, That the said Joseph Paxton be enlarged from his confinement, on his giving bond with two sufficient sureties, each in the sum of ten thousand pounds, conditioned that he return to the new prison when called upon.

A letter of this day from David Franks was read, requesting that he may be allowed 'till Thursday next for his departure from this State, and that the pass lately granted to himself and daughter may be extended to a woman servant and the necessary baggage; thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of £11,000 Con-

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tinental money, ballance of his salary for the last year, agreeable to the following account:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania with Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r.

To amount of one year's salary, at £600 ℔ annum, or 1200 bushels of wheat at £20, Continental,				£24,000
Cr. 1780, May 26th.			£ 500	
By an order on the Treasurer,				
June 6th.	do.	do.	2,000	
" 15th.	do.	do.	1,500	
July 12th.	do.	do.	3,000	
Aug'st 12th,	do.	do.	3,000	
Sept'r 28th.	do.	do.	3,000	
				13,000
Balance, - - - - - - - - - -				£11,000

The Council took into consideration the act of Assembly entitled "An Act for erecting an High Court of Errors and Appeals;" and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Hon'ble James Smith, Esq'r, of the county of York, and the Hon'ble Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, President of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks county, be appointed Judges of the said court, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esq'r, Attorney General of this State, having resigned his commission,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, & the unanimous thanks of this Board be given him for his early and faithfull services to this Commonwealth in that office.

A letter from William Roberts, of Bucks county, dated the 17th instant, inclosing his commission appointing him Lieutenant Colonel of the third battalion of militia of the said county, and praying leave to resign the same, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Novem'r 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Piper, and General Potter.

A letter from General Smallwood to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, being laid before this Board, respecting the good conduct of

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William Kerlin, of the borough of Chester, while the enemy were in possession of this city, and the same being confirmed by General Potter; thereupon,

Resolved, That such part of the resolution of this Board of the 10th instant, as supercedes the said William Kerlin's licence as a publick house keeper for twelve months, be rescinded.

Colonel John Piper, elected to represent the county of Bedford in this Council, having resigned his office of Lieutenant of the said county, & Colonel George Ashman being recommended as a proper person to be appointed to the said office: On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel George Ashman be appointed and commissioned to be Lieutenant of the said county.

A petition from William Hamilton, praying to be permitted to continue in this State, or if that cannot be granted, to retire into one of the other States, and also to be allowed six weeks to settle his affairs, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That he be permitted to retire forthwith into a neighbouring State, not nearer to the enemy at New York than the State of Pennsylvania, and that he give security, himself and two sufficient sureties, in the sum of £100,000, not to return again without permission of this Board, or to hold any correspondence with the enemy during the present war.

A petition from Ralph Merden, now under sentence of death for high treason, at Easton, in the county of Northampton, was read & dismissed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of £4,970, Continental money, amount of money due to the officers and private men of the Gallies, in lieu of their rations & refreshments from the 21st of October last to the 18th instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of £1,000, Continental money, for the use of his department, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Nov'r 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

Mr. Read, Mr. Potter, &
Mr. Van-Campen, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Piper,

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Novem'r 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Piper, and
General Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £1,300, Continental money, for purchasing fire wood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joel, for the sum of 6,000 dollars, Continental money, for secret services.

A letter from Captain Owen Ferris, of the troop of militia horse, of the county of Philadelphia, inclosing his commission and requesting to be permitted to resign the same, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

On consideration,

Resolved, That William Bradford, Junior, Esq'r, be appointed & commissioned to be Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the room of Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esq'r, resigned.

It appearing to this Board by a certificate from General Wayne, that the following gentlemen are entitled to promotion in the third and ninth Pennsylvania regiments, vizt: Ninth regiment, Ensign Nathaniel Smith, to be Lieutenant, vice Vanleer promoted, October 10th, 1779, commission to bear date July 23d 1780.

Ensign David McKnight, to be Lieutenant, vice Stevenson promoted, October 10th, 1779; commission to bear date October 14th, 1779.

Third regiment, Lieutenant John Marshall, to be Captain Lieuten't, vice Capt'n Lieut't Henderson promoted; commission to bear date the 12th of May, 1779.

Ensign Richard Fullerton, to be Lieutenant, vice Lieuten't Marshall promoted; commiss'n to bear date 12th of May, 1779: Thereupon,

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Hon'ble the Board of war, for commissions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, or his order, for the sum of 240 dollars, for sundry repairs done to the barracks.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Novem'r 24th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'be the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honb'e John Lacey, jun'r, for the sum of £375, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A petition from Alexander Kidd, confined in the new prison, praying to be enlarged from his confinement to solicit the charity of his friends in this city before his departure from this State, was read; and

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

The Council took into consideration a certificate from Mons'e Oster, Vice Consul of France, representing that the vessel called the Hope, Captain Job Pray, Master, is chartered for the purpose of lading one thousand barrells of flour, to be shipped for Rhode Island, for the sole account and risk of his Most Christian Majesty, and for the use of the royal navy; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be directed to permit the said vessel to receive the said lading, and clear her out accordingly.

A recommendation from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of Bedford, in favour of Thomas Moorhead, convicted at the said court of stealing twenty bushels of Indian corn, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, &ca., praying that this Council would remit the said punishment, was read; whereupon, the same being considered,

Resolved, That the said punishment be remitted.

A letter of the 23d instant from Thomas Smith, Esq'r, Commissioner of the Continental Loan office for this State, was read, acquainting this Board that he has received from Michael Hillegas, Esquire, Continental Treasurer, part of the money prepared agreeable to the resolution of Congress of the 18th of March last, which waits the order of this State.

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In Council

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Nov'r 25th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Reed,	Mr. Piper, &
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joel, for the sum of four thousand dollars, Continental money, for secret services.

A petition from the sisters & relations of David Dawson, to be executed this day, praying that the Council would extend mercy to him, was read, & the same was dismissed.

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of this State, be directed not to issue any of the State money otherwise than at the rate of 75 for one.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice Presid't, for the sum of 160 dollars, Continental money, cash paid by him to Capt'n Joel, for secret services performed by him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Piper, for the sum of 2,000 dollars, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Crawford, of the borough of Lancaster, conveying a tract of land situate in Earle township in the county of Lancaster, bounded as follows, viz: beginning at a poplar tree on the brink of Mill creek; and thence extending by other lands of Jacob Eaby south sixty-seven degrees east twenty-six perches and a half to a white oak, and south eighty-three degrees east one hundred and 41 perches to a post; and thence by lands of Jacob Bare & Michael Grable respectively, north two degrees west ninety-nine perches to a post; thence by the said Michael Grable's land south eighty-eight degrees west twenty-four perches to a post, and north twelve degrees west sixty-eight perches to a white oak; thence by Martin Hoover's land south eighty-eight degrees east seven perches to a post in the middle of said creek; and thence up the river of said creek about 15 perches; and thence by the same ten perches to the place of beginning; containing 150 acres and the usual allowance of six per cent. for roads: Seized and sold as the estate late of George Reine, an attainted traitor, for the sum of £30,000, to the said James Crawford, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates, in the said county. Deed dated the 25th instant.

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John Shaw, William Blake & James Steelman, inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, and lately come out of New York, having been brought before this Board and examined, and it appearing by sundry papers found upon them that a correspondence & intercourse has been carried on with the enemy at New York, injurious to the welfare of this State and of the United States of America; therefore,

Resolved, That the said John Shaw, William Blake & James Steelman, be committed to the common goal of the city and county of Philadelphia, there to remain untill delivered in due course of law, and the Goaler is hereby directed to receive and keep them accordingly

A petition from Michael Lapp, setting forth that he has been fined in the sum of £965, for not performing his tour of duty on the late call of militia, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Francis Lee, of the city of Philadelphia, conveying a certain three story Messuage, bake-house, stable and lott of ground, situate on the west side of Front street, between Sassafrass and Mulberry streets, in the said city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth nineteen feet, and in depth 162 feet and nine inches, bounded southward by ground of Edward Brookes, westward by the back ends of Second street lots, northward by a messuage and lot of Jonathan Richards, and eastward by Front street aforesaid; seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of George Knapper, to the said Francis Lee, for the sum of £44,000, Continental money, (subject to the yearly rent of 22 bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable to the trustees of the University,) three-fourths of which sum the said Francis Lee hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the one-fourth part to be and remain in the hands of the said Francis Lee, for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the 25th instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Jacob Geiger, of the city of Philadelphia, conveying three yearly rent charges or sums, to wit: The sum of sixty-nine Spanish silver milled pieces of eight or dollars, and one-third part of a dollar, issuing out of a lot of ground in tenure of Henry Keppele; the sum of ten Spanish silver milled pieces of eight, or dollars and one half a dollar, issuing out of a lott of ground in tenure of George Knorr; and the like sum of ten Spanish milled pieces of eight, or dollars and one-half of a dollar, issuing out of a lott of ground in the tenure of William Warner; seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Samuel Shoemaker, to the said Jacob Geiger, for and during the term of the natural life of the said Samuel Shoemaker, for the sum of £4,050, which sum he hath

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paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said city. Deed dated the twenty-fifth day of November instant.

Resolutions of the Hon'ble the General Assembly of the twenty-third & twenty-fourth instant, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen are appointed to the several offices annexed to their names, vizt: David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State; William Crispin, Collector of Excise for the city and county of Philadelpnia; John Hart, for the county of Bucks; Samuel Cunningham, for the county of Chester; William Hay, for the county of Lancaster; Thomas Armor, senior, for the county of York; Matthew Henderson, for the county of Cumberland; John Whitman, for the county of Berks; George Groff, for the county of Northampton; John Cessna, for the county of Bedford; Daniel Montgomery, for the county of Northumberland; and John Allen, for the county of Westmoreland; John Linnington, officer for inspecting, culling and counting all staves and heading, and for the inspecting and measuring all boards, plank and timber, shipped from this State; John Jones, Health Officer.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Nov'r 27th, 1780, Monday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper, &
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That Robert Smith, Esq'r, Agent for Estates, do make out an inventory of the goods and effects in his possession, now or late the property of Joseph Stansbury, and make return thereof to this Board immediately.

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In Council.

PHILA'D, Tuesday, Nov'r, 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble James Read, Esquire, for the sum of £2,000, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of £1,440, Continental money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Reily, & McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood, & Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the 23d of October last to the nineteenth instant.

The following message was read and approved; and

Ordered, To be presented to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

Gentlemen,

The inclosed letter will shew the expectation of the Quarter Master General from this State. The condition of the publick Treasury by the deficiencies of the taxes, and the want of credit of the State money, utterly disables the Executive powers of the State from performing the important duties requested.

The supply of the army rests with the House, who are equally interested with us in supporting it in such a condition as to render it effective.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Novem'r 28th, 1780.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Nov'r 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	General Potter, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Van Campen,	

An account was laid before the Board of Mr. Dehaven, for services performed by him in the absence of Colonel Bull on his private business, amounting to the sum of £39 3 9.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of Council that the same ought not to be allowed, but as the Assembly seemed to be of opinion that the compensation of the Commissioners was inadequate, and directed this Board to raise it, in their discretion; it is, therefore, agreed that Colonel Bull be allowed £35 on this account.

A return of Justices for the township of Colerain, in the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that Gideon Richey & Abraham Miley, were duly elected Justices for the said township: On consideration,

Resolved, That Gideon Richey, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 27th instant, referring to this Board the letter from Thomas Smith, Esq'r, Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office for this State, respecting the money emitted by Congress, agreeable to the resolution of the 18th of March last, was read and ordered to be filed.

A letter from Jacob Cook, of this day, was read, praying leave to resign his commission of Justice of the Peace in the county of Lancaster, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in the General Assembly, for the said county: On consideration,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A return of Justices for the township of Derry, in the county of Cumberland, was read & rejected, the same not being made agreeable to law.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Nov'r 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Henry Spicker, Paymaster of the county of Berks, for the sum of £163,000, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county, provided there be so much paid into the Treasury, of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the officer commanding at Mud Island be directed to permit the vessel called the Flora, commanded by Paul Coxe, Esq'r, a flagg of truce from the island, to pass the fort at Mud Island, on her way to this city.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Joshua Bunting, now confined in the old goal; thereupon,

Resolved, That he be discharged from confinement on his giving bond, himself in the sum of £500, and two sufficient sureties, each in the sum of £250, specie; conditioned that he render himself to his Excellency the President of this State, or to his Excellency William Livingston, Esquire, Governor of the State of New Jersey, when called upon to answer such charges as may be brought against him, touching a dangerous trade lately carried on with the enemy at New York, by divers persons of this State, and of the State of New Jersey.

A letter of the 27th instant, from Andrew Long, Esquire, inclosing his commission appointing him a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks, and praying this Board to accept his resignation thereof; on consideration thereof,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Dec'r 1st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of £739 5, amount of his account for his wages from the first to the 30th instant, at sixty dollars per day, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

William West, Junior, appeared before this Board, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the second of October last; and on examination,

Resolved, That he be directed to attend one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and enter security for his appearance at the next court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, to answer such charges as may be made against him.

A letter from Colonel Samuel Miles, Deputy Q'r Master General, of the 25th ult., requesting the sanction of the Council to cut down for the publick use, a quantity of timber upon a tract of land situate on the Lancaster road, about four miles from this city, belonging to some person in England or elsewhere, and agreeing to pay therefor, as the same shall be fairly valued by impartial persons, being now read and considered,

Resolved, That the said Colonel Miles have the sanction of this Board to cut down and apply the wood in the said land to the purpose set forth in the said letter; that he be directed to have the same valued on oath, and deposit the amount of the valuation in the hands of the Treasurer of this State, taking his receipt for the same, and report thereon to this Council; and that the said Colonel Miles be authorised to prevent any other persons from cutting or carrying away wood of any kind from the said land, unless with the permission of this Board in writing.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of £7,073 10, Continental money, for the purpose of paying the workmen employed at Mud Island, and for purchasing the necessary provisions; for which he is to account.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Dec'r 2d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Brigadier General James Potter, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,771 5, to be by him paid to Samuel Harris, for repairing of publick arms in the county of Northumberland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. David Hays, for the sum of £25, State money, for twenty-two sheep purchased by Thomas Heslip, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Chester for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

A letter of the seventh of November last from William Brown, Esq'r, was read, praying leave to resign his Commission of Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, in consequence of his being elected one of the representatives in the General Assembly for the said county; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble William Moore, Esq'r, Vice Presid't, for the sum of £2,000, Continental money, in part of his salary as Vice President; for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £500, State money, ballance of his salary for the last year.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Brigadier General James Potter, Esq'r, for the sum of £1,000, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board; for which he is to account.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the first instant was received and read, authorising and requesting George Clymer, John Nixon, Tench Francis, and Blair McClenachan, Esq'rs, of the city of Philadelphia, to purchase in behalf of this State, ten thousand bushels of Indian corn, as an immediate supply of forage for the Fœderal army, and to transport the same to Trenton, to the order of the Quarter Master General of the said army; the said corn to be paid for out of the first monies which may come into the hands of the State Treasurer; and authorising this Board to draw upon the State Treasurer for the repay-

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ment of any sums of money which may be advanced by the persons above mentioned, in the purchase aforesaid, in preference to any other demand; and directing the Treasurer of this State to retain in his hands a sum not exceeding £200,000 Continental money, for the purpose aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Decem'r 4th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Gardner.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Conrad Leatherman, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in York township, in the county of York, and bounded as follows, vizt:

Beginning at a stone standing on the east side of Big Codorous creek, and extending thence by the land of George Bents south 72 degrees east 194 perches to a marked black oak; thence by the land of Peter Dehl north one degree and 38 minutes east 190 perches to a black oak marked for a corner, and north fifty-one degrees and a quarter east eighty-three perches to a marked white oak; thence by land of James Smith, Esquire, north two degrees east ninety-eight perches and two-tenths of a perch to a stone, and north 62 degrees and a quarter west 106 perches and six-tenth parts of a perch to a marked white oak tree, and west 95 perches to another marked white oak on the east bank of the Big Codorous creek aforesaid; & thence up the said creek on the various courses thereof 384 perches to the beginning; containing 377 acres and three quarters, and the allowance of six acres per cent. for roads, &c. Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of James Rankin, to the said Conrad Leatherman, for the sum of £35,201, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the agents of confiscated estates in the said county. Deed dated the 4th instant.

A letter was written, directed to the Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly, requesting a conference at eleven o'clock tomorrow with the Hon'ble House, or such committee thereof as they shall think proper, on the resolve of Friday last, respecting the purchases of corn for the army, and appropriating the monies which are or may be in the treasury to that service, in preference to all others.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Decem'r 5th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Whitehill,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, for the sum of £5,000, Continental money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Espy, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Bedford, for the sum of £800, State money, to be by him paid to William Holliday, Esquire, Paymaster of said county, for the purpose of paying the company of volunteers under the command of Captain John Moore. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said company of volunteers be now discharged, and no longer considered in the pay of this State.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the fourth instant was received and read, consenting to the conference requested yesterday by this Board. Whereupon, the Council agreed to meet the Hon'ble House in the Assembly room.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Dec'r 6th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, &
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Potter.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the fifth instant was received and read, rescinding their resolution of the first instant, appointing divers gentlemen to purchase ten thousand bushels of Indian corn for the use of the army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £3,000, Continental money, for purchasing

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the enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, coffee, &c., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of £2,000, State money, for purchasing the enumerated articles of rum, sugar, tea, coffee, &c., for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Bentz, for the sum of £3,676 17 6, for thirty-seven sheep, purchased by William Scott, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of York, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, passed the 1st day of June last.

Council having received information that a vessel, cleared out for Boston, is now lying at Warder's wharf, the captain of which is a person of suspicious character, and that her cargo will suit New York; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be directed to make inquiry respecting the said vessel, and report to this board, and in the mean time take measures to prevent her sailing.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Dec'r 8th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Robert Whitehill, Esq'r, for the sum of £61, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

Letters of the fourth and sixth instant, from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esq'r, President of Congress, were received and read, inclosing the two following resolutions of Congress, viz't: One of them of the 30th of November last, recommending to the several States to inform the Commissary General and Deputy Commissary, immediately, of the names of their principal agent or Commissioner respectively, for supplying the army, and to give information from time to time to the Commissary General or Deputy Commissary, with the southern army, as the case may be, of their prospects, and how far they shall be able to comply with their requisitions.

That the live stock to be furnished by the several States, be delivered to such store keepers within each State, at such times, and

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in such quantities, as the Commissary General or the Deputy Commissary shall direct, under the regulations contained in the act of Congress of the 15th of July last, for the delivery of all other publick property.

And the other of them, of the fourth instant, appointing Messrs. Thomas Smith and Richard Bache on the part of the United States, either of them to endorse the bills that shall be emitted by the State of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the resolution of Congress of the eighteenth of March last.

A petition from John Davis, Captain of a company of militia, of the city of Philadelphia, being read and considered,

Resolved, That General Potter, Mr. Piper and General Lacey, be a committee of this Board to inquire into the facts set forth in the said petition, and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Ruell, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and

Ordered, That the same be granted, on condition that she do not return again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Decem'r 9th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

A petition from Michael Copple, convicted of an assault and battery upon a certain Peter Stout, a constable, in the execution of his office, at the court of Quarter Sessions held at Philadelphia the 4th instant, and sentenced to pay a fine of £200, to the use of the State, and to pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said fine.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, provided he ask pardon of publick authority, and also of the constable whom he hath injured, and that he promise to behave himself in future, not only as a good soldier, but a peaceable and quiet citizen.

A petition from Terrall Wade, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read, and the same was dismissed.

A petition from Henry Smith and William Wood, setting forth that they have permission from John Okely, Esquire, to fence and

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improve a tract of land in Blockley township, called Mark's liberty land, he being the surviving trustee; that they have paid the taxes of said land, & praying permission from this Board to cut and use as much of rail timber and other wood, as will repay them, and enable them to improve said land and pay future taxes, was read, and the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Decem'r 11th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Gardner,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of £400, State money, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, lately called into service, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines.

The following message being read and considered, was approved and signed, vizt:

Message from the President & Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen,

The bill intitled "An Act to impower the Supreme Executive Council, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and Justices of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the city and several counties in this State, to apprehend suspected persons," having been published for consideration, and duties resulting therefrom principally affecting this Board, we have thought it necessary to submit some important particulars to your attention in its farther progress. The necessity of giving special powers seems acknowledged by framing such a bill at this time; but in our judgment, this bill gives none which we do not possess by the constitution of this State, vizt: a power of commitment upon such evidence as appears to us to justify suspicion; vesting a power in the Justices of the Supreme Court which they are already by law vested with, to admit the party to bail. It has been the policy of all other States, and even of our enemy, at this juncture, to repose a confidence in the Executive powers to guard the publick safety by commitments not subject to the examination

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of any other, and much less an inferior authority, for such we deem the Justices of the Supreme Court on this occasion, and we cannot help thinking the superior confidence in the Justices of the Supreme Court implied by this bill, not only degrading to the Council, but inconsistent with the spirit of the Constitution. The necessary and natural consequences resulting from which is, that the Council must in all cases appear before the Justices of the Supreme Court to vindicate their commitment, or the party be immediately discharged; or if the Justices of the Supreme Court have no discretion to revise the commitment of the Council the bill gives no other powers than before. A power to bail a person, who by the same law is committed to remain in prison without bail, or main prize, is not only inconsistent with our ideas of law, but involves in it a degree of impropriety not unworthy the attention of the House. The limits of a message will not permit our entering into some other particulars well deserving your notice; we shall, therefore, only add, that we request no powers which are not necessary for the publick safety and tranquility; and when we reflect on the circumstances under which a former bill of this nature passed, the happy effects resulting from it, and that in its operation no complaint has been made of abuse or oppression, we are unable to comprehend the reasons which have suggested the giving an ostensible delusive power instead of a real and sufficient one. And we must declare, in justice to ourselves, that if any tumults, publick disorders, or other bad consequences, shall hereafter result from any defects in the ordinary course of justice, we hope they will not be imputed to us; nor can we hold ourselves accountable for the public safety or its tranquility, if the means of preserving it, sanctioned by experience, are withheld.

We take this occasion also to mention the impropriety of the citizens of this State passing to Great Britain, or any of its dominions, but by publick permission, and that some regulations of this intercourse ought to be made as soon as possible. For your information we communicate a letter wrote by a native of this State to the Minister Plenipotentiary of the court of Versailles, respecting two persons from this State who have been detained in France in consequence of the jealousy entertained in that kingdom of such characters.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 11th instant, was received and read, declaring that the resolution of the 11th ult., directing the Council to suspend the sale of confiscated estates, was intended to comprehend only such confiscated estates as were unappropriated by law, & requesting this Board to furnish the House with a particular account of all confiscated estates already sold, with the names of the purchasers, and the prices they were sold at, together with an account of those reserved for the use of the University, and those remaining unsold.

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Resolved, That warrants be issued under the less seal of the State for apprehending and bringing before the Council Joseph Griswold, of the city of Philad'a, and Tolbert, of the county of Bucks, they being charged before this Board as persons whom there is just reason to suspect are enemies to the American cause, and guilty of high treason, by holding an unlawfull and dangerous correspondence with the enemy at New York.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Dec'r 12th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

The Council taking into consideration a letter from Jacob Krug, Commissioner of the taxes in the county of Lancaster, dated the 17th of November last, representing that he hath been called upon for a fine for not performing his tour of militia duty, & praying the aid of this Board; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Jacob Krug be excused from paying the said fine.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Dec'r 13th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

Resolved, That Colonel Jacob Morgan, Lieutenant of the county of Berks, be directed to pay off with all expedition, the militia who marched on the late tour of duty; and that in case of Colonel Morgan's indisposition, to proceed personally in this duty to urge the Sub-Lieutenants, so as to collect a competent sum to answer the above purpose without delay.

Resolved, That no money be issued to Colonel Lindemuth, without the particular direction of this Board.

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Joseph Grieswold being brought before this Board, and it appearing on examination that the charges against him are well founded; on consideration,

Resolved, That Joseph Grieswold be committed to the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia, there to remain untill delivered in due course of law; and the goaler is directed to receive and keep him accordingly.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Galbreath, from the House of Assembly, laid before the Board articles of impeachment against Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty; which being read,

Ordered, That Saturday next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, be appointed to proceed thereupon. That in the meantime the Secretary do furnish the said Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, with a copy of this order, and the said articles, that he may give in his written answer thereto, before the said day.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Colonel Robert Lollar, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Philadelphia, for the sum of £11,100, Continental money, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county, and for which he is to account; the same to be paid out of the monies arising from the militia fines, and to be charged to Colonel William Coates, Lieutenant of the said county.

In favour of Joseph Dean, for the sum of £49 10 shillings, State money, for thirty-three days service as one of the auditors of the publick accounts, from the first of November last, to the 11th instant.

In favour of Jacob Morris, for the sum of £48, State money, for thirty-two days' service as aforesaid.

In favour of John Shee, for the sum of £43 10, State money, for twenty-nine days' service as aforesaid.

The following message being read & considered, was approved and signed, vizt:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

Gentlemen:—In consequence of a vote of your Hon'be House, or some directions given by a committee, the Treasurer has declined paying the Commissioner of Purchases any Continental money, in consequence whereof, the purchase of supplies has stopped, and he disabled from complying with some precedent engagements, as you will see by the inclosed representation, which for your better information we communicate.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly.

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A petition from divers inhabitants of the county of Berks, convicted at a court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held in the said county, of a misdemeanor in associating together to oppose the collection of the publick taxes in said county, was read, setting forth that they are unable to pay the fines laid on them by the said court, and praying remission of the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That their fines be remitted.

A petition from Henry Bedskin, Captain of a company of light dragoons in Colonel Armand's Legion, praying to be furnished with cloathing from the State, was read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed, and the petitioner directed to comply with the regulation of the fifteenth of March last.

A petition from George Palmer, praying remission of the forfeiture of his recognizance for the appearance of a certain Robert Land at the last court of Oyer and Terminer held in the said county, was read; and the same was dismissed.

A petition from Joseph Stansbury, praying to be permitted to retire within the lines of the enemy, was read, and the same was rejected, so far as it respects his going to New York.

A petition from William Hammill, praying a pass from this Board to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, in order that he may endeavour to send some relief to his son, who is a prisoner with the enemy, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Andrew Darcus, now confined in the old goal, was read, praying to be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Andrew Darcus be discharged from confinement, on condition that he leave this State immediately, and not return again, on pain of being re-committed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Dec'r 14th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

A letter from the Hon'ble Frederick Agustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly, of this day, was read, inclosing a copy of a resolution of the House of Assembly of the eighth instant, appointing a committee to procure a state of the treasury, &c.; the said letter informing that no order has issued

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from the House prohibiting the Treasurer from issuing Continental money.

A petition from Ann Hervey, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Decem'r 15th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Reed,	

Thomas Armor, Jun'r, presented to the Council an account of his expenses in conducting to camp the second company of the York county volunteers, amounting to the sum of £2,605, Continental money; & the same being considered,

Resolved, That William Scott, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the county of York, be directed to pay the same out of the monies arising from militia fines.

Major Alexander Boyd, appointed by this Board to be Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, now offers Robert Smith and Samuel Curry, of the city of Philadelphia, hatters, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of the said office, which the Council approve.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, of the 14th instant, was received and read, inclosing a resolution of the Hon'ble Congress, of the 12th instant, directing that the Commander-in-Chief relieve (if he shall judge that post necessary) the garrison of Wyoming as soon as may be, by troops from the Continental army, not belonging to the line of Pennsylvania or Connecticutt, or citizens of either of the said States; and that the present and future garrison continue to be supplied by the Commissary from the magazines of the continent by purchase, or out of the quota of provisions raised by any State for the use of the Continent; and that the State of Pennsylvania be informed of the steps Congress have taken to remove every subject of jealousy or discontent; and that they be requested to order the supplies which were stopped by Lieutenant Hunter on their progress to Wyoming, to be immediately forwarded to that garrison, to relieve its present urgent distresses.

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The following letters were received and read, viz:

From William Henry, Esq'r, and Christian Wertz, Commiss'r of Purchases in Lancaster county, both dated the 12th instant, on the subject of supplying Colonel Myland's regiment of dragoons, now quartered in that county.

From Hon'ble John Van Campen, recommending Lieutenant Colonel John Chambers as a proper person to be appointed to settle and pay off the seven months men raised in that county.

Complaint having been made to this Board that the following persons had taken forcible possession of Hog Island, the property of this State, viz: Benjamin Rue, Francis Proctor, Joseph Ogden, William Eckhart, and Mark McCall; and the said persons being brought before this Board and examined, touching the said complaint, they acknowledged the taking possession of the said Island, alledging they have a sufficient title thereto; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Rue, Francis Proctor, Joseph Ogden, William Eckhart, and Mark McCall, do enter into sufficient security for their appearance at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Chester, to answer the said tresspass, which was taken in the manner following, to wit: Benjamin Rue in £3,000; William Henderson & Michael Kaner, each in £1,500. Francis Proctor in £3,000; William Henderson and William Watkins, each in £1,500. Joseph Ogden in £3,000; Elija Weed and Michael Kaner, each in £1,500. William Eckhart in £3,000; William Watkins & Michael Kaner, each in £1,500. Mark McCall in £3,000; William Henderson and James Thompson, each in £1,500.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Dec'r 16th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of two hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying the workmen employed at the fortifications on Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions, for which he is to account.

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The following account being laid before the Board, viz't:

The State of Pennsylvania to Michael Ryan, Inspector of the Militia, Dr.:

1780, Dec. 15th. To 104 days certainly fixed by Council, at 10 p. per day,	£52	
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Ballance,		£35 2 6

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city of Philad'a, be directed to pay to the said Michael Ryan the sum of £35 2 6, State money, the ballance of the said account.

The Council taking into consideration a recommendation of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Bucks county, in behalf of Josiah Baldwin, convicted at the said court of larceny, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £750, setting forth that the said Josiah Baldwin is willing to inlist to serve as a soldier in the Continental army; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, and the said punishment of whipping, be remitted, on condition of his inlisting to serve as a soldier in one of the regiments of this State during the present war.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of the fourteenth instant, was received and read, authorizing and impowering this Board to procure on loan the sum of £600, in specie, for the purpose of inlisting a number of men now at camp, whose times are near expiring, agreeable to a requisition of General Wayne; and that the House will provide adequate means of repayment.

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble House of Assembly have resolved that this Board should borrow on the faith of the State £600, in specie, for the purpose of recruiting a number of men now at camp, whose times are near expiring:

Resolved, That a subscription paper reciting the above resolve, be put into the hands of the Auditors of Accounts, and that each of the said Auditors in rotation, do carry the same to such well-affected citizens as they shall think most likely to afford their assistance in the present emergency, and that the Treasurer of the State do give promissary certificates of repayment to all such lenders as shall be returned to him by the said Auditors, or either of them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Joseph Gardner, Esq'r, for the sum of £142, State money, in part of his pay as a Member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Edward Milner, of New Brittain township, in the county of Bucks, conveying two tracts of land and messuages and tenements thereon erected, situate in Lower Merion township, in the county of Philadelphia; one of the said tracts beginning in the

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middle of the road between this tract and Margaret Jones' land, thence extending south sixty-three degrees west three hundred perches, by land of William Lewis, by the next described tract, and by land of Owen Jones, to a corner; thence still by the said Owen Jones' land, and by land of Benjamin Humphreys, north twenty-eight degrees and thirty minutes west 182 perches to a corner; thence by land of Conrad Schitz and John Robinson, north sixty-five degrees east 255 perches to a corner; thence by land of John Righter, and of the aforesaid Margaret Jones, South forty-three degrees east one hundred and eighty perches to the place of beginning; containing three hundred acres. The other of the said tracts beginning in the first line of the above-mentioned tract; thence extending by the said Owen Jones's land, south 37 degrees east one hundred and one perches; thence by land of the said William Lewis, north 73 degrees east 130 perches to a corner; thence still by the said Lewis's land, northwest 129 perches to the above described tract; thence by the same south 63 degrees west 106 perches to the place of beginning; containing 78 acres, be the said tracts, or either of them, more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Roberts, deceased, to the said Edward Milner, for the sum of £271,600, (subject to the yearly rent of 135 bushells and four-fifth part of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the trustees of the University,) three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county, the other fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid.

Deed dated the sixteenth instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Dec'r 18th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

It appearing to this Board, that the following gentlemen are intitled to promotion in the second and fourth Pennsylvania regiments, viz't: Second regiment, Ensign William Murrow, to be Lieutenant, Lieutenant John Parks, deceased; Ensign John Bell Tildon, to be Lieutenant, Lieutenant Jacob Morris Dehart, deceased; fourth regiment, Captain William Sproat to rank as Captain, Captain Lieutenant Thomas Campbell, entitled to rank as Captain Lieu-

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tenant; and Lieutenant Pratt to rank as Lieutenant, from the eleventh of April, 1779; Lieutenant Henry Henly to rank as Lieutenant from the first day of January, 1780.

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Hon'be Board of war for commissions.

The Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia having represented, that having proceeded to collect militia fines, pursuant to a resolution of this Board, and John Nixon having brought suits against the Sub-Lieutenant and Collectors; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant do, out of the monies in his hands received on account of the militia, engage Jonathan D. Sergeant and Jared Ingersoll to assist the Attorney General in defending the said suits, and also that the Lieutenants proceed with all due diligence to collect the militia fines outstanding on account of the late tour of duty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of five thousand pounds, Continental money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A recommendation of the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the county of Westmoreland, in favour of William Ferguson, convicted at the said court of larceny, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said corporal punishment and fine be remitted.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Potter, Esquire, viz:—One for the sum of 6,320 dollars, Continental money, for his services with the militia from the 10th of August to the 10th of September last, on the late tour of duty, the

And the other for the sum of 2,386 dollars and two thirds, for his services as Brigadier General, as aforesaid, & for the services of his Brigade Major.

Messrs. Smith and Campbell, from the Hon'ble House of Assembly, having informed this Board that a new charge had been this day presented against the Hon'ble Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, which was now under the consideration of the House, and submitting to the Board the propriety of deferring the tryal on the former articles,

Resolved, That the hearing be deferred untill Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, in the Council chamber.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Joseph Stransbury, with his family, be permitted to go to New York, he giving his promise upon honor to proceed immediately to that city, and use his utmost endeavours to have Abijah

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Wright and Casper Geyer, now prisoners on Long Island, released and permitted to return home, and that he will not do any thing injurious to the United States; that his effects be restored to him & himself liberated as soon as he shall be ready to set out for New York; that the agent for confiscated estates be directed to deliver up the keys of his property.

A letter from Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Admiralty, stiled an answer to the charges exhibitted against him by the House of General Assembly, was read; and

Ordered, That the same be sent to the committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly appointed to support the said charges.

The following articles being seized on Captain John Steelman, vizt:—A silver watch, makers name Richard Ovingham, No. 38,-981; one pair of worsted stockings; one pair of buckskin gloves; one ivory comb; one old breast broach; one pair of silver sleeve buttons; one pair of gold sleeve buttons, marked S. S.; one pocket book, containing eighty-six Continental dollars; one leathern purse, containing twenty-nine guineas.

The following articles were found upon John Shaw:—One old leathern pocket-book, containing one hundred and forty dollars, & part of a breast broach, four dollars and one sixteenth of a dollar, hard money, and five coppers.

The following articles were found upon William Blake, vizt:—Seven hundred and twenty-one dollars & one sixth of a dollar, Continental; one dollar and five-sixteenths of a dollar, hard money; two pistreens, two silver English shillings & one copper; one set ring & broach; two pair of set stone buttons; one set stock-buckle, old; two old buttons; one pair of silver shoe-buckles; one old knife, and brass ink horn.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the money above mentioned be delivered by the Secretary to the Treasurer; that the silver watch be hung up in the Council chamber, and the remainder of the goods be delivered to Robert Smith, Agent for Confiscated Estates, in order that they may be sold. Note—This money was paid accordingly, and the receipt filed in the office, dated 27th December, 1780.

T. M., Sec'y.

A letter from his Excellency Gen'l Washington, dated New Windsor, December 10th, 1780, was read, in which his Excellency proposes that the supplies of provisions to be furnished, be deposited as follows, vizt:

At Fort Pitt, 2,400 barrels of flour, 1,000 ditto of salt meat, or salt equivalent to put up that quantity, 7,000 gallons of spirits; Carlisle, 800 barrels of flour, 3,000 gallons of spirits, 250 barrels of salt meat, or salt equivalent to put to that quantity on the spot; Wyoming, 200 barrels of flour, 1,000 gallons of spirits, 100 bushels of salt; Lancaster, 1,000 barrels of flour, 3,000 gallons of spirits,

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500 bushels of salt; Easton, 10,000 barrels of flour; Philadelphia, all the remainder of salt, salt meat, flour and rum. And he adds, that "the Commissary General, as he is directed, will inform you from time to time of the quantities of live cattle which will be necessary, and when they are to be delivered."

The following message being read and considered, was approved and signed, viz:

Message from the President & Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—We lay before you a letter just received from General Washington, from which you will see the dependence he places on this State for supplies, pursuant to the resolution of the 4th of November last.

The magazines at the different posts are nearly exhausted, and we are utterly unprovided with the means of making new purchases. The consequences to the good people of the State, as well as to the general cause, are too obvious to need enumeration or observation.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Decem'r, 18th, 1780.

A petition from Peter Maguire was read, setting forth that he hath been convicted of larceny at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions, & sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of £500, and praying remission of the said fine: On consideration,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that he enter on board one of the Continental frigates, to serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Dec'r 19th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

Colonel Piper, member of this Board, Bedford county, having represented that Major John Cessna, in consequence of orders from a committee, dated 14th July, 1776, signed by Messieurs Woods, Smith, Galbreath, Espy, Dougherty, Nagel and Davidson, and also upon a like direction from Colonel Woods, dated the sixth of January, 1777, had taken the arms of persons who did not go them-

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selves into service; and that for the execution of said orders, he is now prosecuted at common law;

Resolved, That all officers not abusing their powers, ought to be indemnified by the publick; that, therefore, this Board direct the Attorney General, or his Deputy, to defend said suits at the charge of this Commonwealth, if on inquiry he shall find that Major Cessna is prosecuted for the performance of such public service, and has not acted oppressively therein; and that in case of the absence of the Attorney General, or his Deputy, the Court of Common Pleas appoint some gentleman of the law to defend said suits at the publick expence.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Lowry and Mr. Slough, being a committee from the House of Assembly appointed to confer with this Board respecting the quartering of Colonel Moylan's regiment of dragoons, in the county of Lancaster, attended in Council, and a conference was accordingly had thereupon.

The following return of the officers & privates in the fourth regiment of light dragoons, entitled to draw stores from the State of Pennsylvania, being laid before the Board, vizt; Colonel, Stephen Moylan; John Craig, Captain; John Sullivan, Lieutenant; Thomas McCalla, Surgeon; William Thompson, Riding Master. Privates, William Darling, Jesse Grammer, Robert Shepherd, David Crider, John McFarland, John King, Thomas Roberts, Christian Kuhn, John Saylor, John Morris, James Quarrel, David Shannon, George Grace, John Le George, Jeremiah Scott, Jacob Speder.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to furnish one month's supplies, agreeable to the said return.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of four thousand four hundred and ninety pounds, Continental money, amount of cash due to the officers and men of the gallies, from the 18th of November to the 16th instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Miller, Esquire, for the sum of £26 13, State money, for administering the oath of allegiance & fidelity to 558 soldiers, belonging to the Pennsylvania line, at shilling each.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Jonathan Potts, Esquire, conveying a certain messuage or tenement, plantation and tract or piece of land, situate in Douglass township, in the county of Philadelphia, beginning at a birch tree, a corner by Schuylkill river; thence by Samuel Potts' land north twenty-three degrees east 62 perches and five-tenths to the middle of the Reading road; thence along the same north 62 degrees west 66 perches; thence north 82 degrees west 35 perches; thence by Thomas Potts' land north nine degrees west 120 perches to a white oak, and south 76 degrees west 40 perches and five-tenths; thence by John Fritz's land south 87 degrees west 144 perches, and south

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three degrees west 88 perches and five-tenths to the middle of the Reading road aforesaid; thence along the middle of the same south 70 degrees west 52 perches, & south fifty-nine degrees west 28 perches; thence by Jonas Yocum and Jacob Light's land south 25 degrees and a half east 108 perches to Schuylkill river; thence down the same the several courses thereof to the place of beginning; containing two hundred & thirty-five acres: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Potts, an attainted traitor, to the said Jonathan Potts, Esquire, for the sum of £20,-100, Continental money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the agents of the said county. Deed dated the 30th day of March last.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Smith & Jasper Yeates, Esquires, conveying four tracts, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being as follows, to wit: One of them situate in York township, in the county of York, containing about 313 acres and the usual allowance of six acres per cent, bounded by lands of Henry Yissler, Peter Diehl, John Rodte, Catherine Weaverlin, and Jacob Blauzer, and by Codorus creek. One other of the said tracts, situate in Newberry township, in the said county, containing about 184 acres and the usual allowance of six acres per cent., bounded by lands of Joseph Passmon and Ann Noblett, by a vacant stony hill, and by the next described tract. One other of the said tracts, situate in Newberry township aforesaid, containing about 145 acres & a half, and the usual allowance of six acres per cent., bounded by the last described tract, and by lands of William Passmon's heirs, Ellis Lewis, and Anne Noblett. And the other of the said tracts, situate in Newberry township aforesaid, containing about 251 acres, & the usual allowance of six acres per cent., bounded by lands of Arthur Erwin, Charles West, Abraham Thaley, George Mash, and of the heirs of Hedges Vanes, and by vacant hills: Seized and sold, agreeable to law, as the estate late of James Rankin, an attainted traitor, to the said James Smith and Jasper Yeates, Esquires, for the sum of £15,738 15 6, Continental money, which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the 16th instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'be John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A petition from William Erskine, praying permission to go to Ireland, by way of France, was read and rejected.

A petition from Martha Wilson, praying a pass to Elizabeth town, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Dec'r 20th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Read,

Mr. Galbraith, from the Hon'ble House of Assembly, laid before the Board a further article of impeachment against Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, for exacting and receiving illegal fees; which being read,

Resolved, That the said Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, be furnished with a copy thereof, & that he be desired to give in his answer thereto as soon as possible.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Piper, Esq'r, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A resolution of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the twentieth instant, was received and read, permitting the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to occupy and possess the house and lots, with the appurtenances, late the property of Reverend Jacob Duche, the younger, untill the first day of July next, and untill the further order of the House.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Dec'r 21st, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Read,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonels Hasner, Johnston & Humpton, for the sum of one thousand dollars, State money, to be accounted for to the Auditors of Accounts by the officers, to be accounted for by the Pennsylvania line.

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The petition of Elinor Haines, convicted of receiving stolen goods, & sentenced to pay a fine of £200, praying the said fine may be remitted, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that she go to the work-house, and there continue under confinement, at hard labour, for and during the space of one month.

A petition from Joseph Stansbury, now confined in the old goal, was read, praying that this Board would restore to him such of his books and papers as may not be necessary for the Council to retain, and to indulge him with the opportunity of taking copies of such others as cannot be restored, promising to return them when demanded; whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble James Read, Esquire, for the sum of £1,500, Continental money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A letter from Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, stiled "an answer to the third article of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of General Assembly," was read, and

Ordered, That the same be sent to the committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, appointed to support the said impeachment."

Ordered, That the committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly appointed to prosecute the charges exhibited against the Hon'ble Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Admiralty, and the said Francis Hopkinson, be informed that the Council are now ready to hear the said charge and defence.

The Hon'ble James Smith, Esq'r, & Robert Galbraith, Esq'r, the committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, appointed to prosecute, &ca., and the aforesaid Francis Hopkinson, together with the Attorney General of the State, attended in the Council Chamber, & the doors of the Council Chamber remained open.

His Excellency presented to the said committee of Assembly the answer of the said Judge, above mentioned, to the last charge exhibited against him.

The said committee informed the Council that Mr. Matthew Clarkson, a principal witness in the cause depending, was ill in bed, being afflicted with the gout, and prayed that an order may be made for taking his deposition in the presence of the committee and the attorneys of the defendant.

It was moved by James Wilson, Esquire, attorney for the defendant, that the charges against the said Francis Hopkinson, Esquire,

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be now read; and thereupon, Mr. James Smith, one of the committee, read the charges as follows, viz:

State of Pennsylvania:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Decem'r, 12th, 1780.

Articles of impeachment for certain crimes and misdemeanors, against Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the Representatives of the freemen of the said Commonwealth, in General Assembly met, in their own name, and in the name of all the freemen of the said Commonwealth, exhibited to the Supreme Executive Council:

First. That having a power by law to appoint an agent for unrepresented shares belonging to absent seamen and others, he, the said Francis Hopkinson, in a conversation with the late Marshall, Matthew Clarkson, offered and proposed to appoint Blair M'Clenahan agent, for a number of such shares belonging to seamen who had sailed on board the Privateer Holker, upon condition that he, the said Blair M'Clenahan, would make him a present of a suit of cloathes; and this condition not being complied with, he appointed others in his stead.

Second. That he, the said Francis Hopkinson, issued a writt for the sale of the cargo of a prize, declaring in the same writt, that it was testified to him that the same cargo was "in great danger of waste, spoil and damage," when in fact and in truth no such testimony or return was ever made or given to him in the instance of the cargo of the prize ship Albion.

And the said Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met; do demand that the said Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, may be put to answer to all and every the premisses, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials and judgments, may be upon him had and used as is agreeable to law and justice, and the directions of the Constitution of this Commonwealth; and the said Representatives of the freemen aforesaid, are ready to offer proofs of the premisses, when and where the Supreme Executive Council of this State of Pennsylvania shall appoint.

Signed by order of the House.

FRED'K A. MUHLENBERG, Speaker.

Attest—SAMUEL STERITT,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Tuesday, December 19th, 1780.

A further article of impeachment for exacting and receiving illegal fees, against Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State of Pennsylvania, in addition to the former two, exhibited to the Supreme Executive Council the twelfth instant, by the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

THAT WHEREAS, By an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, it is enacted, that the fees of the Judge of Admiralty, including his fee for a final decree in case of a ship or vessel under the burthen of one hundred tons, shall be twenty-five bushels of wheat, and in the case of a ship or vessel above the burthen of one hundred tons, shall be forty bushels of such wheat, payable, however, in money, as in the case of other civil officers of this State; nevertheless, he, the said Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, in contempt of the act of Assembly afores'd, did exact and receive, as and for his fees as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, the sum of £1300, in the case of the Brigg Recovery, (Job Pray, a Libellant, and Robert Morris, Claimant,) of the burthen of about eighty tons, being a greater and larger sum than by law he ought to have received.

And the said Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, do demand that the said Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, may be put to answer to the above charge, in like manner as to the former charges exhibited in the impeachment sent up the twelfth instant, they being in like manner ready to offer proofs of the premisses, when and where the Supreme Executive Council of this State of Pennsylvania shall appoint.

Signed by order of the House,

FRED'K A. MUHLENBERG, Speaker.

Attest—SAM'L STERITT,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

The Attorney General read two several replys of the said Francis Hopkinson to the said charges.

Mr. Ingersoll, counsel for the defendant, in his behalf declared his consent that the deposition of Matthew Clarkson should be taken, agreeble to the motion by Mr. Smith; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the deposition of Matthew Clarkson, touching the cause now in hearing before the Council, be taken this afternoon at four o'clock, at the house of the said Clarkson, in the presence of the committee of the House, or either of them, and of the

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Council of the said Hopkinson, or one of them; and that a committee of Council do also attend.

Ordered, That the Vice President, Mr. Read and Doctor Gardner, be a committee for the said purpose.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, that a deposition of Robert Morris, Esquire, a material witness in the case now in hearing, and whose state of health rendered his attendance in the court very uncertain, may be taken in like manner as is ordered in the case of Mr. Clarkson; and the committee of the House consenting to the same, it was agreed to by the Council, and the same committee directed to attend the taking of the said deposition. The court adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 22d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Gardner.
General Potter,	

The committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, and the Attorney General of the State, attended in the Council chamber; the doors of the Council chamber remaining open.

Mr. Smith moved that the deposition & cross examination of Matthew Clarkson be now read, and the same was read by Mr. Galbreath.

Mr. Smith moved that testimony be taken, as to the first charge, separately, to which no objection was made; and thereupon, Mr. Gerardus Clarkson was called in, and sworn and examined.

William Lewis, Esquire, Mr. Thomas Fitzsimmons, Andrew Robeson, Esquire, Mr. Blair McClenachan, Robert Morris, Esquire, and Mr. William Heysham, were called in and sworn in like manner, and gave an account of what they knew respecting the case now before the Council.

The Court adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Decem'r 23d, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, General Potter, &
Doctor Gardner, Colonel Piper.
Mr. Read,

The Honourable committee of the General Assembly, Hon'ble Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, the Attorney General of the State, and the Attorneys for the defendant, attended in the Council chamber.

Mr. Smith adduced cases to support the charges.

Mr. Wilson replied.

At the request of the Hon'ble committee of Assembly, the Court was adjourned till three o'clock in the afternoon.

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Same day, in the afternoon—3 o'clock.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey, Colonel Piper,
Mr. Read, Doctor Gardner.
General Potter,

Mr. Smith, one of the Hon'ble committee of the General Assembly; Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, the Attorney of the State, and the Attorneys for the defendant, attended in the Council chamber.

The Attorney General of the State opened the argument in behalf of the State. Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Wilson, Attorneys for the defendant, replied. Mr. Smith, in behalf of the State, replied to the Attorneys on the part of the defendant. The Attorney of the State closed the argument.

The Court adjourned 'till next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

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In Council.

Saturday evening.

PRESENT:

As before.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of General Potter, for the sum of £1,550, State money, to be forwarded to Thomas Jordan, Paymaster of the county of Northumberland, for the paying the seven months men in the said county, and recruiting Captain Robinson's company.

A letter from Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly of the twenty-first instant, was read, on the subject of the Commissaries' & Quarter Masters' certificates, and inclosed therein a report of a committee of the House, and answer of a committee of Congress on the same subject.

A letter was accordingly written in answer to the letter from the Hon'ble the Speaker.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Dec'r 26th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr Piper, and
Mr. Potter, Mr. Read.

The Council having met agreeable to adjournment, Mr. Smith of the committee of the General Assembly attending, and Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, also attending, the President, after some introductory observations, proceeded to give the determination of the Court upon the articles of the impeachment; which was, that it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that the said Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, was not guilty on all or any of the articles of impeachment exhibitted against him, and that he be discharged from the said impeachment accordingly. On consideration,

Resolved, That William Shaw, Esquire, of the county of Northumberland, be appointed Commissioner of Purchases in the s'd county, in the room of Frederick Antis, Esquire, lately appointed President of the Courts of Quarter Sessions, Common Pleas and Orphan's Court, in the county aforesaid.

The Council took into consideration the case of the estate situate on the north side of Mulberry street, and extending into the river Delaware, confiscated and seized as the property of William Aus-

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tin, late of this city, and sold by public vendue, accord'g to law, on the day of last, and struck off to Isaac Austin, now of this city, he being the highest bidder, for the sum of but the said Isaac Austin having neglected to comply with the conditions of sale, publickly made known, the said estate hath reverted to the Commonwealth; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the estate on the north-east corner of Mulberry street, extending into the river Delaware, late the estate of William Austin, be assigned to the University of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the same be charged to the said Institution, at the sum of £90,550, in the estimation of the estates directed by law to be assigned to the said institution.

Ordered, That the estate at the north-east corner of Mulberry street, and extending into the river Delaware, be now delivered into the possession of the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

The petition of Joseph Grieswold, a prisoner now in the old goal, praying to be admitted to bail, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Joseph Grieswold be admitted to bail, himself becoming bound in the sum of £1,000, and two sufficient sureties each in the sum of £500, for his good behaviour. The said sums to be in specie.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing a receiver of provisions, agreeable to the act of General Assembly, intitled "An Act to permit the exportation of flour of wheat from this State by sea, under certain limitations and restrictions;"

Resolved, That John Hazlewood be appointed to the said office.

The Council taking into consideration, that the crimes charged against Patrick Garvey, James Steelman, John Shaw, and William Blake, are alledged to have been committed in the State of New Jersey; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Patrick Garvey, James Steelman, John Shaw, and William Blake, be confined in the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia, untill they shall be sent to the said State for trial, and that a copy of this minute be sent to the keeper of the said goal.

A letter from William Bradford, President of the Convention held at Hartford, in the State of Connecticutt, dated November 22d last, inclosing the proceedings of the said Convention, was read; and it was

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next meeting.

A letter from Hon'ble John Van Campen, of the nineteenth instant, was read, informing that the Wyoming garrison are alarmed at the stopping of the supplies from this State, destined for that place, and that they have sent six of their principal gentlemen to Connecticutt, to solicit their relief and protection.

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A letter was also read from Colonel Broadhead, dated the eighth instant, acquainting this Board that the Delaware Council, at Cooshocking, have declared war against the Seneca Indians, and that hostilities have commenced. Also, of their distress for want of meat in the garrison.

Ordered, That the said letters be filed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for £250, State money, for paying the workmen employed at Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of £110 15 7, State money, amount of his account for repairs done to the publick magazine.

A petition from Margaret Dyer, setting forth that she hath been convicted of larceny at the Court of Quarter Sessions held the fifth instant, and sentenced by the said court to pay a fine to the use of the State, of £900, &c., was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Dec'r 27th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	General Potter, and
Mr. Read,	Colonel Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Brigadier General James Potter, for all the specie received by him in subscriptions, for recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the Continental army, for which sum General Potter is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, for fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

A petition from ——— Cavenaugh, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read, and the same was granted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Dec'r 28th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Read, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Heysham, for the sum of £229 6 4, State money, amount of his claim against the estate of Joseph Grieswold, and decreed by the Justices of the Supreme Court.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Decem'r 29th, 1780.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Council took into consideration the purchasing of eight pieces of brass field-pieces belonging to Benjamin Randolph and company, four of which field pieces are now in the possession of Captain Joseph Stiles; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt'n Joseph Stiles do deliver up to Benjamin Randolph & company, the four brass field-pieces now in his possession, the Council declining to purchase any of the said field-pieces.

It appearing to this Board by a certificate from General Wayne, that the following gentlemen are intitled to promotion in the eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, vizt:

Captain Lieutenant Edward Burke to be Captain, vice Captain Sweeney, deceased, October 2d, 1780.

Lieutenant William McCurdy to be Capt. Lieutenant, vice Burke, promoted October 2d, 1780.

Ensign Samuel Reed, to be Lieutenant, vice McCurdy, promoted October 2d, 1780.

Resolved, That that they be recommended to the Hon'ble Board of War for commissions.

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble House of Gen'l Assembly, at their last sessions have passed an act suspending the tender of the old Continental bills of credit,

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Ordered, That the duty of tonnage directed to be paid by an act of General Assembly, passed the 28th day of February, 1773, intitled "An Act appointing Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be collected and received in bills of credit of this State, issued on the twenty-fifth day of March last, in the new Continental bills of credit, in specie, or in the old Continental bills of credit, at the rate of 75 for one.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Dec'r 30th, 1780.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Piper, &
Mr. Read, Mr. Gardner,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Novell, for the sum of £20, State money, for purchasing materials for inclosing the Library, for which he is to account.

A petition from Elizabeth McFarland, setting forth that having lost her husband in the service of the United States, she is reduced to great distress, and praying the aid of this Board, was read; and *Ordered*, That the same be rejected.

A petition from George Jessero, praying a licence as a pedlar, was read, and the same was dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 2d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of nineteen pounds four shillings, State money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Reily and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood, and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from November the nineteenth to December the seventeenth last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble William Moore, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of one hundred

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and fifty pounds, State money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

The following orders was drawn on the Treasurer, viz't:

In favour of George Bensil, for the sum of six pounds twelve shillings, State money, for his services as Aid-du-Camp on the late call of the militia, being in full for his pay from the 10th of August to the tenth of September, 1780.

In favour of the said George Bensil, for the sum of five pounds, State money, being in full of the State bounty for thirty days' service on the late call of the militia.

In favour of James Hanna, for the sum of six pounds twelve shillings, State money, being the amount of his pay as Brigade Major on the late call of militia, from the tenth of August to the tenth of September last.

In favour of the said James Hanna, for the sum of five pounds, State money, being the State bounty for thirty days' service on the late call of militia.

In favour of the Executors of the estate of William Trickett, deceased, for the sum of eight shillings, State money, amount of their account for 2 quire of fools cap, half-bound, for the use of the Council.

The Council taking into consideration the appointment of Auditors, pursuant to an act of the Assembly passed the eighteenth day of December last, entitled "An Act to settle and adjust the account of the troops of this State, in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" thereupon,

Resolved, That Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, Mess'rs Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, be appointed Auditors, agreeable to the said act of Assembly.

The Council taking into consideration the acts of the General Assembly, passed the last session, declaring the bills of credit issued on the twenty-fifth of March last, usually called the State money, and the new Continental money to be issued in this State, pursuant to the resolution of Congress of the eighteenth of March last, to be a legal tender in all cases whatsoever, as gold and silver; thereupon,

Ordered, That the following proclamation be issued:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this State did, at their last sessions, enact and declare the bills of credit issued on the twenty-fifth day of March last, usually called the State money, and the new Continental money to be issued in this State, pursuant to the resolution of Congress of the eighteenth of March last, to be a le-

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gal tender in all cases whatsoever, as gold and silver, and have laid heavy penalties, amounting to a forfeiture of double the value of the article for the first offence, and imprisonment and confiscation for the second offence, upon all those who shall refuse to sell any commodities therefor, or shall refuse to receive the same, or ask a higher price than the current specie price for such article; the exchange between the above monies and the old Continental currency to be estimated at seventy-five of the latter for one of the former, and so to continue untill the same shall be altered by the President or Vice President in Council. To the end, therefore, that the fluctuation of paper money may, as far as possible, be in future prevented by a more fixed medium of commerce; the army better supplied, and the embarrassments attending publick business removed, we have thought proper to issue this our Proclamation, recommending to the good people of this State, with all convenient speed, to bring into the Treasury the old Continental money, and receive the new bills (founded on the productive taxes of this State, and bearing interest,) in exchange therefor, and to pass and receive the said monies freely and currently in all payments, agreeable to the directions of the acts of Assembly passed by the Representatives of their own choice: And we do farther declare, that if there are any persons who, on any pretence whatsoever, shall obstruct the necessary and wholesome regulations by the said laws provided, we will cause the said laws to be executed without favour or respect to persons or pretences; and we do for this purpose, enjoin all Justices, Constables, and all other civil officers, to be vigilant and active in the premisses, and all other faithfull subjects of this State are enjoined and required, in their respective stations, to enforce obedience to the said laws, as they tender the honour and welfare of the State, and their safety and happiness.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest'd—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Sect'y.*

A petition from Mary Bryan, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read, and the same was dismissed.

A petition from Catherine Holmes, for a pass to the city of New York, was read; and

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that she do not return again.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan'ry 3d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Read, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major General St. Clair, for the sum of two hundred pounds, State money, for which he is to account to the Auditors for settling the accounts of the officers and privates of the Pennsylvania line.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the twenty-eighth of December last, was received and read, informing this Board that he hath ordered a detatchment from the army to march to relieve the garrison of Wyoming, belonging neither to the troops of Pennsylvania or Connecticut; whereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, be directed to send forward to the garrison of Wyoming the provisions lately stopped by him.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Jan'y 4th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Piper.

James Mease, Hugh Shiell, and Samuel Caldwell, of the city of Philadelphia, having purchased, at a late sale of confiscated estates, one-third part of the Island commonly called Hogg Island, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of Chester do give possession to the same James Mease, Hugh Shiell, and Samuel Caldwell, of the part of Hogg Island purchased by them as aforesaid, in due form of law, they paying the incident expences.

Resolved, That Abraham Kintzing be directed to keep possession of Hogg Island in behalf of this State, and that in case of ne-

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cessity, the Sheriffs of the counties of Chester and Philadelphia do aid or assist him in holding the possession against all intruders: That the Attorney General of the State be directed to support the claim of the State against sundry persons who have lately attempted to take possession under some pretended rights, and take proper steps to cause the persons who are witnesses to the late forcible entry, to attend at the next Chester court, in order to lay the complaint therein before the Grand Jury.

A petition from Henry Hancock, now confined in the old goal, was read, praying remission of his fine, and to be discharged from confinement. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Henry Hancock's fine be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement, on condition that he leave this State immediately, and not return again on pain of being recommitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of eleven pounds ten shillings, State money, ballance of his account for his wages to the thirty-first of December last, and cash paid for sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

James Cunningham, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Lancaster, attended in Council, and took the oaths required by the Constitution; and thereupon took his seat accordingly.

The Council resumed the consideration of two petitions from divers of the freemen of the counties of Philadelphia and Chester, representing, that many advantages will be derived from a road being opened from Darby road to the Lancaster road, to cross the Mill Creek at the Rocks, and praying that a jury may be appointed to lay out a road accordingly: And the Council being of opinion that a road there laid out would be a publick benefit,

Ordered, That Jonathan Paschall, Stephen Paschall, David Gibson, John Sellers, Philip Price, Isaac Pearson, and Joshua Humphreys, or any four of them, do view and lay out a road accordingly, and make return thereof in writing to the Secretary's office, within two months from this date.

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Joseph Dean, Jonathan B. Smith, and Jacob Morris, appointed Auditors to settle and adjust the depreciation, &ca., appeared in Council, and respectively took the oath required by the law entitled An Act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

A lettter from Brigadier General Wayne, dated Mount Kemble, January the second, 1781, was read, together with several other letters, giving a state of the facts relative to the present situation of a number of the men belonging to the Pennsylvania line who have mutinied: And the same being considered, and it appearing to be of great importance to put a stop as soon as possible to so dangerous a measure, the Council are unanimously of opinion that it is expedient for the President and General Potter immediately to set out for New Jersey, and to use their endeavours to quiet the minds of the said people, and if nothing less will satisfy them, to discharge the whole of them.

A resolve of Congress of this day's date was now read, appointed a committee of Congress to act in concert with Council, "and fully "impowering them to take such measures as may appear necessary "to quiet the disturbances in the Pennsylvania line." And Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Atlee, and Mr. Bland, attended in Council, in conference: Whereupon it was agreed, that his Excellency the President and General Potter, do proceed on immediately, and that the committee of Congress do follow on to-morrow morning.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Brigadier General Potter, or his order, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to bear his expences into New Jersey on publick business.

On application from Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper to this Board, for an increase of his wages,

Resolved, That Frederick Sneider be allowed ten shillings specie per diem, for his services as Door-keeper, from the first instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan'y 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Vice President.

General Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Doctor Gardner,	Colonel Piper.
Mr. Cunningham,	

The present low state of the Treasury, and the critical situation of public affairs, rendering it indispensibly necessary to borrow a

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sum of money from individuals, to be ready in case of an important emergency, and divers good citizens expressing a willingness to lend their money to the State,

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, State Treasurer, do give his note for such sums of money as shall be subscribed and paid to him, the same to be repaid, with interest, as soon as circumstances will admit..

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 8th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Reed,	Colonel Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, Superintendent of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, State money, to be by him forwarded to the said commissioners, and for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Valentine Eckhart, of the county of Berks, be appointed Lieutenant of the said county, in the room of Colonel Jacob Morgan, resigned; and that John Mears, Esquire, be appointed sub-Lieutenant of the said county, in the room of the said Colonel Valentine Eckhart.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Nathan Jones, for the sum of three pounds, State money, amount of his account for eight copies of a long letter to the commissioners of the several counties.

A return of justices for the district containing the townships of Manallin and Tyrone, in the county of York, was read, by which it appears that Robert Chambers and William Gilleland were duly elected Justices of the Peace for the said district; whereupon,

Resolved, That Robert Chambers, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of York, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

On application, a pass was granted to Mrs. Stansbury, (wife of Joseph Stansbury,) for herself, six children, and a servant maid, with her cloathing, bedding, &ca.

A representation being made that Clement Stocker, now of New York, son of Anthony Stocker, had in his possession books and papers relative to the estate of his Excellency Thomas Wharton, jun'r, Esquire, late President of the State, and that he was desir-

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ous of coming to this city to settle the accounts of the partnership which subsisted between the said Anthony Stocker and the late President, while he was concerned in trade.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said Clement Stocker to come to this city, with his books of accounts.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cuningham, and
Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Paine, Esquire, late Clerk of the General Assembly, for the sum of forty-four pounds three shillings and two pence, State money, on account of his services as Clerk of the General Assembly.—See acct. in the hands of the Treasurer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Ludwick Weltner, for the sum of eleven pounds seventeen shillings, State money, for five hundred and ninety-two pounds of salted beef delivered to Frederick Antis, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Northumberland, for the use of the Continental army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan'y 10th, 1781.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of four thousand pounds, State money, for purchasing cloathing for the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

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A letter from David Deshler, dated Allentown, January the eighth, 1781, directed to Colonel Morgan, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Morgan be directed to order Mr. David Deshler not to send forward to Wyoming any liquor, flour, or other provisions, in consequence of orders from Colonel Butler, or any other military orders; but that he obey only such orders as he may receive from Council, thro' Colonel Morgan.

It being represented that Sergeant James Anderson is now on command to collect deserters, and that he is in want of some cloathing,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to the said Sergeant Anderson one coat and a pair of shoes.

A letter from his Excellency the President, dated Maidenhead, January the eighth, was read; and the same containing a request to have the specie which was returned into the Treasury by General Potter sent up to his Excellency, at Trenton,

Ordered, That the same be sent up to Trenton to the President.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, to pay the same into the hands of the Secretary, to be sent by Benjamin Davis, jun'r, one of the light horse.

The Secretary returned from the Treasurer, and brought with him two bags, sealed, containing the money left at the Treasury by Gen'l Potter; and the same being opened, there appears to be

Eighty and one half English guineas,	a 35s,	-	£140	17 6
Three French guineas,	a 34s,	-	5	2
Five and a quarter Moidors,	45s,	-	11	16 3
Five Spanish pistoles,	28s,	-	7	
Four Ducats,	14s 6,	-	2	18
One half Caroline, - - -	-	-		18
Ninety-nine and five-eighths half Johannes's		-	298	17 6
Forty-three dollars and one-eighth of a dollar,		-	16	7 6
Three and a half English shillings,	-	-		5 3
			£484	2

And the same was delivered, in the presence of the Council, to Benj'n Davis, jun'r, one of the corps of light horse, to be by him delivered to his Excellency the President, at Trenton, to which place he is to set out immediately.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Jan'y 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Piper.

A petition from Conrad Heiler, setting forth that he hath been convicted of larceny at the Court of Quarter Sessions held the twentieth day of September last, in the county of Northampton, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipp'd, and pay a fine to the use of the State, was read, pray remission of the said fine; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged by the said court to be paid to the use of the State by the said Conrad Heiler be remitted, on condition that he enlist to serve as a soldier in the Pennsylvania line during the war, without any bounty.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress of the ninth instant, inclosing copies of two acts of Congress of the fifth and eighth instant, was received and read; the former setting forth that from the inwarrantable and cruel treatment which our people who are prisoners with the enemy have of late received, it is the opinion of Congress an exercise of the law of retaliation has become necessary, and especially recommending to the Executive of the States respectively, to take effectual measures for carrying into execution the acts of Congress taken by the citizens, troops and ships of particular States.

And the latter (of the eighth instant) recommending to the States from New Hampshire to North Carolina, inclusive, to procure and forward to the Treasurer of the United States or to their Commissary of prisoners appointed to reside at New York, by the first day of March next, for the use of the officers in capacity at that place and on Long Island, and to be charged to the United States, the following sums respectively, in specie or in bills of exchange on New York, to wit:

	Dollars.		Dollars.
New Hampshire,	2,319	Pennsylvania,	13,334
Massachusetts,	13,334	Delaware,	987
Rhode Island,	1,160	Maryland,	9,159
Connecticut,	9,855	Virginia,	14,492
New York,	4,347	North Carolina,	5,796
New Jersey,	5,217		

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Jan'y 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Piper. and
Mr. Cunningham.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Folwell, for the sum of fourteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence, State money, ballance of money due to him for five head of beef cattle, delivered to Thomas Craig, Commissioner for purchasing cattle in the county of Bucks, for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to an act of Assembly passed the first of June last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, Jan'y 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, Jan'y 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, Continental State money, for the purpose of paying the workmen employed at Mud Island, and purchasing the necessary provisions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Alexander Coils, Jonathan Hutton, Thomas Stuart and Charles Drum, for the

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sum of two pounds ten shillings, State money, (each amounting to ten pounds) being one month's pay, for which they are to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Daniel Rees, for the sum of fifteen pounds, State money, to be by him paid to Thomas Bowyer, of Northumberland county, for taking and securing an Indian, agreeable to the proclamation of this Board of the second of April last.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the twelfth instant, was received and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the ninth instant, recommending to the Supreme Executive authority of this State, a prosecution of James Mease, late Clothier General, and William West, jun'r, his deputy, in the name of the United States, in the ordinary course of law, for the abuse of office and breach of trust complained of.

Resolved, That the same be sent to the Attorney General of this State.

Colonel Nichola having been called to a settlement of the monies furnished last summer for recruiting the Continental army, and having rendered among other things, the following account, viz't:

1779.	Dollars.	
August 16th, by Lieutenant Bigham,	14,068	£5,268
Sept'r 9th, by Captain M'Ilhatton,	12,000	4,500
Nov'r 29th, by Lieutenant Wigton,	10,000	3,750
Dollars,	36,068	£13,518

Resolved, That the Auditors of the accounts be directed to apply to General Wayne, or other officer commanding the Pennsylvania line at the above periods, for an account of the above money, and settle the said account, returning the vouchers to this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan'y 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William M'Cullough, for the sum of twenty one pounds five shillings, State money, amount of his account for an anchor furnished to the State Navy Board, in the year 1777, for the State fleet.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of seventy pounds sixteen shillings and four pence, State money, amount of money due to the officers and men of the Gallies, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the sixteenth of December last, to the thirteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, amount of his account for his services as Brigadier General on the late call of militia, viz:—His Continental pay and the allowance from this State, from the tenth of August to the tenth of September last.

A letter from Lewis Gronow, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Chester, dated January the fifteenth instant, was read, representing the application of the seven month's men for their pay. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Paymasters of the militia in the city of Philadelphia and counties respectively, do pay off the seven month's men at the rate of fifty shillings per month, old Continental money; that for this purpose the respective Lieutenants of the city and counties of the State, do advance to the said Paymasters, such sums of money as may be necessary for this purpose, and that the said Paymasters do, as soon as possible, make up their accounts of the said payment.

The President reports that he had on Sunday last sent up to Trenton, to Joseph Dean and Jonathan Bayard Smyth, Esquires, two of the Auditors appointed to settle the depreciation of the pay of the army, the sum of three thousand pounds, State money, and the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars of the new Continental State money, to be by them paid to the soldiers now to be discharged, to each one month's pay: That for the first said sum a receipt has been given to the Treasurer by the Secretary, and for the latter sum a receipt has been given to the Treasurer by the Vice President; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to charge the said sum of three thousand pounds, State money; and the said sum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars of the Continental State money, to the Auditors appointed to settle the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line.

Ordered, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates do make returns to Council, of all confiscated estates that remain unsold, with a description of the same; containing the quantity of land, the improvements, situation and valuations of each: The return to be made on the fifteenth of February next, or sooner, if possible.

His Excellency laid before the Board a receipt signed by Joseph Borden, of Bordentown, acknowledging to have receiv'd of Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, fifty half johannesses, fifty guineas, and twenty-one dollars in specie, to be delivered on demand, to the order of the President of Pennsylvania.

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In Council.

Wednesday, January 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneyder, for the sum of five pounds, State money, for purchasing sundry articles for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

A petition from the following named persons, vizt:

John Schweitzer,	Nicholas Deck,
Henry Kepplinger,	Peter Ritzman,
Jacob Decker,	Andrew Shott,
Nicholas Kessecker,	Nicholas Cowper,
Adam Albert,	Michael Poffenberger,
Henry Holtzman,	Peter Lebo,
George Wigal,	Charles Bombenger,
John Wolporn,	Conrad Kessler,
Peter Moon,	Christian Welborne,
Henry Schaffer,	George Mayer,
Philip Cundrum,	Jacob Bretz,
Martin Cundrum,	Jacob Singer,
Albright High,	George Read,
Jacob Bortner,	George Hawk,
Joseph Keesler,	Peter Schwartz,
George Wolfe,	Valentine Keefer,
Stophel Wolfart,	Michael Wolfart,
——— ———	Anthony Getzler,
——— ———	Henry Lebo,
——— ———	Valentine Moyer,
——— ———	Jacob Lebo,
——— ———	Peter Krecker,
——— ———	John Schaffer,
——— ———	Jacob Weiser,
——— ———	Thomas Corr, Jun'r,
Michael Wolborne,	Philip Read,
George Wentelwolfe,	Casper Read,
Jacob Read,	Peter Kreitzer,
Michael Read,	George Cepheart,
Leonard Stupp,	——— ———

Inhabitants of the county of Berks, convicted of a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held the sixth day

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of November, 1780, for the said county, of associating themselves together to oppose the collection of the publick taxes, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of three hundred pounds, was read, praying remission of their fines: A recommendation from divers inhabitants of the said county in favour of the said persons being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That one moiety, or half part of the fines of each and every of the said persons, be remitted.

A temporary order having been given on Monday last to the Naval Officer by the President, not to clear out any vessels untill farther orders; His Excellency now, with the approbation of the Council, countermanded the said order.

A circular letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the fifteenth instant, on the subject of supplies for the army of the United States for the year 1781, and the arrearages of pay due to the officers and soldiers of the said army, was receiv'd and read, enclosing an estimate of the sums necessary to be forwarded by the respective States from Pensylvania to New Hampshire, inclusive, for the immediate pay of the army composed of the lines of those States; calculated on six months pay in specie value, one half of which to be advanced without the least delay, and the remainder by the first of April next.

Total, 879,342 dollars,

Apportioned by Congress as follows:

New Hampshire,	- - -	51,726
Massachusetts,	- - - -	284,493
Rhode Island,	- - - -	25,863
Connecticut,	- - - -	155,178
New York,	- - - -	77,589
New Jersey,	- - - -	51,726
Pensylvania,	- - - -	232,767
Total,	- - - -	879,342 dollars, specie.

A petition from Catherine McCoy, now confined in the old gaol, praying the remission of her fine, and to be released from confinement, was read; and, on consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, and that she be released from confinement, on condition that she leave this State immediately, and not return again on pain of being re-committed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, January 18th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of eighteen pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, State money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Rielly and McIlhatton; and Lieutenants Honeyman, Wood and Pugh, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the seventeenth of December last to the fourteenth instant.

A letter from John Meares, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Berks, of the fifteenth of this instant, was read, inclosing his commission, and praying leave to resign the same. On consideration,

Resolved, That the same be accepted.

A petition from divers merchants and captains of vessels of the city and port of Philadel'a, stating the cruel and severe treatment divers seafaring men of this State receive from the enemy at New York, and praying some relief from this Board, was read, and referred for further consideration.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, January 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Cunningham.

In Council.

Saturday, January 20th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, January 22d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Piper.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esquire, be employed to assist the Attorney General of the State in the prosecution of James Mease and William West, Junior, agreeable to the recommendation of Congress, and that he be allowed and paid the sum of ten pounds, State money, for the said service.

And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan D. Sergeant, for the sum of ten pounds, State money, as a fee for the said service.

The Treasurer of Philadelphia county having laid before the Board a certificate, signed by Justice Moore and two freeholders, by which he is directed to pay Lieutenant Colonel Bush a pension of forty-two dollars and a half, specie, during his natural life; such pension being supposed to be founded on an act of Assembly, passed the eighteenth of September, 1777, entitled "An Act making provision for the relief of officers, mariners and seamen, who, in the course of the present war being in the service of the United States of America, have been or shall be maimed, or disabled from getting their livelihood, and shall be resident in or belong to the State of Pennsylvania."

And the said Treasurer requesting the advice of the Board therein, and the said act being examined,

Resolved, That the said certificate does not pursue the said act:

First. In that General Potter does not certify the disability of the said officer, farther than that he is incapable of serving in the army, whereas he ought to certify his disability of getting his livelihood.

Secondly. That the late order of said Justice and freeholders show'd direct payment from month to month, during his disability of body and residence in the county, or untill other order shall be made by the Assembly with respect to such pensioner.

And whereas, The pay and subsistence of the army have been materially changed since the passing of the said law, which makes it absolutely necessary to adopt some mode of payment of said pensions which may be general; therefore,

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Resolved, That such pensions be estimated and paid by the Treasurer on the following principles, agreeable to the law and the present establishment of the army:

The half pay and depreciation thereon to be calculated agreeable to the fixed exchange. One ration valued at fifteen pence specie, and subsistence agreeable to the rank of the pensioner, agreeable to the resolves of Congress of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine: Such subsistence money to be settled pursuant to the above exchange.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, January 23d, 1781, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham.

WHEREAS, A considerable number of officers belonging to the Pennsylvania line are now in the city, and unprovided with decent quarters:

Resolved, That the Deputy Quarter Master General of this city do give billets to all such officers as shall be returned to him by the commanding officers of regiments for that purpose, having due respect to the privileges of delegates in Congress, foreign ministers, and the conveniency of houses and private families.

A letter from Colonel Proctor of the artillery, dated this day, was read, representing that some of the men of his regiment were inlisted for the war, &c. On consideration,

The Council are of opinion, that as the men have been discharged, in consequence of the inlistments not being produced in due time, the engagements entered into with the line of Pennsylvania, renders it improper to arrest them on the ground of a claim to their services; and the Council will consider how far it may be proper to prosecute any of them on a charge of perjury.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, for purchasing cloathing for the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

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Ordered, That Colonel Morgan be informed that the officers of the Pennsylvania line, appointed to recruit the same, are to be stationed as follows, vizt:

The regiment of artillery		at Newtown.
The first regiment of infantry		at Yorktown.
Second	do.	at Yellow Springs.
Third	do.	at Easton.
Fourth	do.	at Carlisle.
Fifth	do.	at Reading.
Sixth	do.	at Lebanon.

That he be directed to give orders to the respective Commissioners for purchasing provisions, to supply the issuing Commissaries at the said posts with flour and meat sufficient to supply the said officers and the men they may inlist with rations, taking the issuing Commissarie's receipt for the same; and that Colonel Morgan do appoint an issuing Commissary at Newtown, in the county of Bucks.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, January 24th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Piper.

A petition from divers persons, formerly officers in the Pennsylvania line, and claiming rights therein, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan B. Smith, Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Esquires, the sum of three thousand pounds, new Continental or State money, for the purpose of paying in part the appreciation allowed by Assembly to the officers of the Pennsylvania line.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Wistar, for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, State money, amount of his account for 500 best quills, one pound of dutch wax and two papers of ink powder, bought for the use of the Council.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, January 25th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, President.
Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Piper.

A letter from Joseph Deane, Esquire, dated the twenty-fourth instant, requesting a quantity of cloathing may be forwarded for the Pennsylvania line, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. William Turnbull be directed to send forward the cloathing now ready, and that the Deputy Quarter Master General be desired to supply Mr. Turnbull with a waggon for that purpose.

A petition of divers officers of the militia of the county of Northampton, was read, inclosing a copy of a letter from Henry Alshouse, Junior, Captain in the said battalion, containing a complaint against Colonel Samuel Rea, Lieutenant of the said county, for having acted contrary to the militia law of this State. On consideration,

Resolved, That copies thereof be forwarded to Colonel Rea.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, January 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen.

A petition of Catharine Stewart was read, setting forth that she hath been convicted of larceny at the last city court, and sentenced by the said court to pay a fine to the use of the State, and to be publickly whipt, and praying remission of the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, and the said whipping, be remitted.

Charles Eller, of Germantown, labourer, being examined on oath, having declared that Catharine, the wife of John Sneider, some

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time last winter, shewed him bonds and other effects, to wit: a bed and a clock, belonging as she said to Henry Younken: A warrant was issued to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia to make search in the day time for the said effects, and to make return thereof to this Council forthwith.

A letter to the Secretary from Frederick Phyle, Esquire, Naval Officer, offering John Bayard and Isaac Howell, Esquires, as his sureties, according to act of Assembly, entitled "An Act for an impost on goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into this State," was read, and the said sureties approved of.

A petition from the following named persons, vizt:

Yost Staut,	William Lurch,
Nicholas Allen,	Henry Philip,
Adam Platt,	Baster Trigeman,
Nicholas Haas,	Matthas Clay,
George Ludwick,	John Nicholas Philips,
John Althouse,	Conrad Luss,
Atelthar Fegal,	Michael Tomker,
Frederick John,	Yost Slough,
Philip Strauss,	Frederick Katt,
Michael Keelar,	Jacob Strauss,
Henry Bucker,	Daniel Stebey,
William Wiltonick,	Anthony Kirshmet,
George Belman,	William Lemeister,
Ulrick Banckintoss,	Conrad Christ,
Ludwick Tobias,	Matthias Weaver,
Matthias Rhodt,	George Rhodt,
Henry Keeser,	George Wicke,

Inhabitants of Bern township, in the county of Berks, was read, setting forth that they have been indicted and fined in the sum of three hundred pounds each, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Reading for the said county, for confederating against the payment of certain fines for not qualifying to their returns of taxable property, and praying remission of the said fines.

A petition from Conrad Schneider and Jacob Trust, of the said township, convicted and fined as aforesaid, and praying remission of their fines, being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said persons, be remitted.

WHEREAS, The militia laws of this State requires that the Sub-Lieutenants of the city and counties respectively, shall once in every three months render an account to their proper Lieutenant of all monies receiv'd by them, and of their expenditures, by virtue of said act, and settle and pay the ballance of the same to him; and that the Lieutenant of the said city and each county respectively, shall make out complete accounts of all the monies receiv'd by him, and of his expenditures, and return the same to the

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Supreme Executive Council once in six months; and on failure of so accounting, each Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenant, shall forfeit and pay for every such neglect, ten thousand pounds, then current money:

Resolved, That the several Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants, be required to render their accounts, agreeable to said act, without delay, or in failure thereof the Attorney General be directed to put the said act in execution against all such as shall be found delinquent, within a reasonable time after this date.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, January 27th, 1781, Saturday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Piper.

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The Secretary laid before the Council a letter from Robert Patton, of the eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, who, as he says, has been a prisoner on Long Island, and liberated the third instant, claiming his rank, agreeable to resolve of Congress.

A certificate from the War office, that Colonel Moylan, Captain John Craig, Lieutenant John Sullivan, Thomas McCalla, surgeon, and William Thompson, Riding Master, were officers in the Pennsylvania line, being laid before the Council, with a request that the same may be certified by the Secretary.

Ordered, That the Secretary do certify the same.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, January 29th, 1781, Monday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan B. Smith and Jacob Morris, Esq'rs, Auditors of Accounts, or their

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order, the sum of one thousand pounds, new Continental or State money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed by Assembly to the officers of the Pennsylvania line.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Cannon and Gideon Richey, both of the county of Bedford, be appointed Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county of Bedford.

Petition of William Young, Junior, and certificate of his appointment by the Minister of France, to collect plants, &c., were read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, January 30th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be directed to draw for the sum of five hundred pounds in favour of each of the following named persons, for the purpose of inlisting men into the Pennsylvania line of the army, vizt:

On the Treasurer of the county of Bucks in favour of John Hart, Esquire.

County of Chester, in favour of James Moore, Esquire.

Berks, in favour of Henry Christ, Esquire.

Northampton, in favour of John Arndt, Esquire.

Lancaster, in favour of Wm. Henry and John Thome, Esq'rs.

York, in favour of Archibald McClean, Esq'r.

Cumberland, in favour of John Agnew, Esquire.

For which said sums they respectively are to be accountable.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, Jan'y 31st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Piper,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	General Potter.
Mr. Van Campen,	

Representations being made that the remains of several of the State vessels which have been burned, now lie on the Jersey Shore, and there injure the fisheries, and that divers persons are willing to attempt to remove the same, provided they possess, unmolested by the State, such parts of the wrecks which they may raise.

Resolved, That the State will not lay claim to any thing which may be recovered from the said wrecks, provided nothing be done which may in anywise be injurious to the channel of the river.

A petition from Alexander Miller and Ann his wife, setting forth, that they have been convicted of keeping a tipling house, at the last city court, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of two hundred pounds, and to pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said fines, and they being recommended by divers persons in this city to this Board; on consideration,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid by the said Alexander Miller and Ann his wife, be remitted.

On application,

Resolved, That James Reid, lately convicted of felony in passing counterfeit money, and now confined in the old goal, be discharged from his confinement upon paying his fees, anything contained in the pardon lately granted him by this Board to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, Feb'y 1st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Cunningham,	

WHEREAS, By an act of General Assembly, passed the twenty-third day of December last, the Supreme Executive Council are

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impowered and required, from and after the first day of this present month, to publish in the several English and German newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, in the first week in every month, the rate of exchange between specie and Continentall money, which exchange so published in each month, the said act declares, shall be the exchange between Continental money and the State money, thereby made legal tender.

Resolved, That the rate of exchange is seventy-five Continental dollars for one dollar in specie.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, for the purpose of repairing the barracks of this city, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hazlewood, Esquire, Commissioner of Purchases in the city of Philadelphia, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the Continental army, for which he is to account; the same to be charged to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendent of the Commissioners in the several counties, and to be deducted out of the first order to be drawn in his favour.

A letter from John Peters, Junior, of the thirtieth ult., was read, inclosing a commission appointing him Captain of the eight company in the third battalion of the militia of the city of Philadelphia, and praying that this Board wou'd be pleased to accept his resignation thereof: On consideration,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to William Coates, Esquire, of the Northern Liberties, conveying a lott of ground, situate on Poplar lane, containing four acres and forty-eight perches, between Third and Fourth streets in the said Northern Liberties, and according to a late survey thereof bounded and being as followeth, that is to say: beginning at a post by the side of Poplar lane aforesaid; thence extending by land of John Peters and others north thirty-four degrees and a half east twenty-eight perches and three-tenths of a perch; thence by the same ground north twenty-six degrees east ten perches to a corner; thence still by the same land south seventy-seven degrees and a half east eight perches and six-tenths of a perch to a post; thence by the side of Third street; thence by the side of Third street north twelve degrees and a half east fifty-two feet to a post; thence to land of William Smith north seventy-seven degrees and a half west eleven perches and three-tenths of a perch to a corner; thence by land late of Samuel Burge, deceased, the four following courses and distances, to wit: south seventy-one degrees west twenty-eight perches and five-tenths of a perch to a corner; thence north seventy degrees west six perches to a corner; thence south fifteen degrees and a half west four perches and a half to a corner; thence south thirty-eight degrees west twenty perches to a post by the side

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of Poplar lane aforesaid; thence along the said lane south fifty-six degrees and a half east twenty-one perches and one-tenth of a perch to the place of beginning; containing four acres and forty-eight perches of land, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law as the estate late of Samuel Shoemaker (an attainted Traytor), for the sum of four thousand and nine hundred pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, to the said William Coates, Esquire, subject to a yearly ground rent of two bushells and nine-twentieth parts of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the trustees of the University of this State, for which purpose one-fourth part of the said purchase money is to remain in the said purchaser's hands, the other three-fourths being paid to the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county of Philadelphia. Deed dated the thirty-first day of January, 1781.

WHEREAS, The publick necessities require that a number of the militia be called into service; therefore,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia do immediately call into service one class of the city militia, and that he, as soon as may be, make return to Council of the number of men who enter upon duty in consequence hereof: On consideration,

Ordered, That the depreciation accounts of officers and soldiers be settled at the respective places of regimental rendezvous, and that the Auditors be informed thereof immediately.

An application was made by Ann McCaleb, wife of Robert McCaleb, who was killed in an attempt on a block-house, in New Jersey, requesting that she may have the pay and cloathing belonging to her late husband; and it appearing by certificates and recommendations that she is the wife of the said McCaleb, and of good reputation;

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Auditors for settling the depreciation, to advance to the said Ann McCaleb, one month's pay due to her husband; and on the settlement of her husband's accounts, to deliver to her the certificates due to her said husband; that the State Clothier do deliver to her stuff for a gown and petticoat, linnen for a shift, a pair of shoes, and a pair of stockings, in lieu of the clothing due to her late husband.

Major General Sinclair attended and informed the Council that an officer from each regiment had waited on him, and informed him, in substance, that they were under great necessity for money; that they had made contracts in the city which they were bound in honour to fulfill before they left town; that if money was not paid them they were determined to resign; and that upon being informed through him that a further sum of money would not be granted, they wou'd immediately set about drawing up their resignations accordingly: That this communication was by order of the officers of the Pensylvania line generally; and thereupon, a request was made to Congress for a conference with them by a committee of their body.

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Mr. Walcott, Doctor Witherspoon, and Mr. M'Kean, a committee of Congress, attended, and a free conference thereupon was had.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Isaac Sidman, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and tract of land situate in Bristol township, in the county of Bucks, bounded as follows: Beginning at a buttonwood tree standing on the northeast side of Neshaming creek; thence by Mitchell's land north seventy degrees and a half east one hundred and sixty-seven perches to a stake; thence by land of Matthew Rue, deceased, south twenty-five degrees east seventy-two perches to a stake; thence by land of William Coxe, Esquire, south sixty-four degrees and an half west two hundred and twenty-seven perches to a stake standing by the side of the said creek; thence up the said creek and bounding thereon, north seventeen degrees west fifty-eight perches to a white oak stump; thence north thirty-five degrees east fifty-nine perches to the place of beginning; containing one hundred acres: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Andrew Allen, to the said Sidman, for the sum of eleven thousand five hundred pounds, Continental money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of George Wall, Esquire, Agent for Confiscated Estates, in the said county. Deed dated the first day of February instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, Feb'y 2d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

General Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan B. Smith and Jacob Morris, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, or new Continental money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers of the Pensylvania line, for which they are to account.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to William Will, Esq'r, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, or his order, one hundred and fifty muskett cartridges for the publick service.

Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, and Mr. Jacob Morris, lately appointed Auditors for settling the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, attended and informed the Council that their private affairs will not admit

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of their proceeding to the several places of rendezvous to settle the said depreciation, and praying leave from this Board to resign their said appointment; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, February 3d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Van Campen,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendent of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, or his order, the sum of ten thousand pounds, State money, to be by him forwarded to the several Commissioners, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the Continental army; and for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, door-keeper, for the sum of nineteen pounds seven shillings and six pence, State money, amount of his account for his wages, from the first to the thirty-first day of January last, inclusive, thirty-one days, at twelve shillings and six pence per day.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, was read, inclosing a resolve of this day's date, recommending "to the Supreme Executive of this State of Pensylvania, the calling into service for thirty days, if not sooner discharged, one hundred rank and file of the militia, properly officered."

A return of the election of justices for the township of Huntingdon, in the county of Bedford, was receiv'd and read, by which it appears that John Cannon and John Cryder were duly elected Justices for the said township; whereupon,

Resolved, That John Cannon, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Lacaze and Michael Mallet, of the city of Philadelphia, gentlemen, conveying a three-story brick messuage, kitchen, stores and lott of ground, situated on the east side of Water street, between Sasafrass and Mulberry streets, in the said city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth on Water street aforesaid, thirty-one feet eleven inches, (including an alley of nine feet eight inches

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wide on the south side thereof,) and continuing that breadth ninety-two feet, then widening on the south side thereof thirteen feet six inches, and continuing that breadth ninety-four feet, into the river Delaware, as far as low water mark: Bounded southward by ground now or late of John Coxe; eastward by the river Delaware aforesaid; northward by a messuage and lott late of Benjamin Shoemaker, deceased; and westward by Water street aforesaid: Also, one other brick tenement, stable, coach house and bank lott, opposite to the above mentioned messuage and lott, containing in breadth north and south twenty-six feet four inches, (including an alley of eight feet wide on the north side thereof,) and containing in depth from Front street to Water street aforesaid forty-five feet: Bounded southward by ground of Benjaman Morgan; westward by Front street aforesaid; northward by ground of the said Benjaman Shoemaker, deceased; and eastward by Water street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate of the late Samuel Shoemaker, an attainted traytor, to the said James Lecane and Michael Mallet, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-six thousand pounds, Continental money, which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia. Deed dated the fourth day of February instant.

In Council.

Monday, February 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Cunningham and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.

The Board taking into consideration that this is the season of recruiting, and that in various other respects the publick service requires that the officers shou'd go to their several places of regimental rendesvous with all convenient expedition, do request the commanding officer of the Pensylvania line to give the necessary orders for that purpose forthwith; and in order to accommodate the several officers with money for travelling charges, the Auditors of Accounts do pay to each field officer, if required, the additional sum of ten pounds, and to each Captain and subaltern six pounds, on account of his depreciation. That the commanding officer be also requested to return to Council the names of those officers who have special permission to remain in town, either on important private business, or the necessary duty of their respective regiments.

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A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Budden, John Dunlap and Thomas Lawrence, conveying one full, equal and even moiety, or undivided half part of a tract of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Blockley, and bounded as follows, that is to say: Beginning at a post or stone set for a corner in the line of Thomas Paschall's land, in a small run of water, a branch of Cobb's creek, near two winding maple saplings; thence extending along the same line north thirty degrees west one hundred and twenty-five perches to a post; thence by land now or late of Daniel Hibberd, south forty-seven degrees and a half west one hundred and thirty-six perches and three-fourths of a perch to a stone, near a laurel bush by the side of Cobb's creek aforesaid; thence down the said creek about sixty-eight perches to a marked ashe tree at a corner of a small piece of meadow ground of the said Daniel Hibberd; thence by the same north forty-two degrees east twenty perches and a half to a post, and south seventy-one degrees east thirty-nine perches to the place of beginning; containing about forty-seven and a half, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Joel Evans, an attainted traitor, to the said James Budden, John Dunlap and Thomas Lawrence, for the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of seven bushells and a half of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, and to their successors and assigns; three-fourth parts of which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fourth day of February instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Budden, John Dunlap and Thomas Lawrence, conveying a certain tract of land situate in the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, that is to say: Beginning at a stone or corner of Henry Ciss's land; thence by land late of Isaac Norris north twenty-seven degrees west one hundred and thirty-eight perches and seven-tenths of a perch to a stone, or corner of Thomas Bond's land; thence by the same south fifty-one degrees and a half west fifty-three perches to a stake or corner; thence south sixty-eight and a half degrees east thirteen perches to a stake; thence still by the said Thomas Bond's land south twenty-nine degrees and a half east seventy-nine perches to a stake or corner of the said Henry Ciss's land; thence by the same south seventy-two degrees and a half east fifty-six perches and a half to the place of beginning; about thirty acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Joseph Grieswold, an attainted traitor, to the said James Budden, John Dunlap and Thomas Lawrence, for the sum of twenty-seven thou-

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sand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of thirteen bushels and a half of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of the State of Pensylvania, and to their successors and assigns; three-fourths of which sum they have paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth part to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fourth day of February instant.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Proctor be desired to attend this Board to morrow morning at twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Attorney General of the State be directed to issue a writt, in the name of the Commonwealth, against Lieutenant John Bigham, of the fifth Pensylvania regiment, and mark the same eight thousand dollars bail.

The petition of John Becker, convicted of felony in the Quarter Sessions of the county of Cumberland, praying that his fine may be remitted, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the fine of the said John Becker be remitted, upon his enlisting in the fourth Pensylvania Regiment, to serve during the war.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Auditors of Accounts for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, or new Continental money, for the purpose of advancing to the officers of the Pensylvania line, and to be charged to them in the settlement of their accounts of depreciation.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, February 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Piper.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Dean, Esquire, conveying a certain three story brick messuage or tenement and lott of ground, situate on the east side of Second street, between Walnut and Spruce streets, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth twenty feet, and extending in depth from Second street aforesaid to Dock street; being on the north side one hundred and eleven feet, and on the south side ninety-seven feet; bounded northward by ground of George Douglass, eastward by Dock street aforesaid, southward by ground of

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Sellwood Griffin, and westward by Second street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Henderson, an attainted traytor, to the said Joseph Dean, for the sum of forty-nine thousand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent, payable to the Trustees of the University of the State of Pensylvania, and to their successors and assigns, of twenty-four bushells and a half of merchantable wheat, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency, to George Benner, of Bristol township, in the county of Philadelphia, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in the manor of Mooreland, in the said county, and, according to the late survey thereof, bounded as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a corner of Richard Morpoole's land and the township line; thence south fifty degrees east one hundred and fifty-one perches to a corner of Derrick Krewson's land; thence north thirty-nine degrees east one hundred and thirty-one perches and five-tenths of a perch to a corner of William Tyller's land; thence north fifty degrees west one hundred and seventy-two perches to a corner of William Roberts's land; thence by the same south forty degrees west twenty-seven perches to a corner; thence south fifty degrees east twenty-seven perches to a corner; thence south forty degrees west sixty-six perches to a corner; thence south fifty degrees east four perches; thence south four degrees west four perches; thence north fifty degrees west four perches; thence south forty degrees west twenty perches and five-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and twenty-six acres and one hundred and fifty-four perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Loughborough, an attainted traytor, to the said George Benner, for the sum of twenty thousand four hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of ten bushells and one-fifth part of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of the State of Pensylvania, and their successors and assigns: Three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fourth day of February instant.

An application from Mary Scanlan, wife of John Scanlan, killed in the action of the seventh June last, requesting that she may have the cloathing due to her late husband, and it appearing by certificates and recommendations, that she is the wife of the said John Scanlon, and of good reputation,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to the said Mary Scanlan stuff for a gown, petticoat, shift, and a pair of stockings, in lieu of the cloathing due to her late husband.

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A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Dean, Esquire, of the city of Philadelphia, conveying a certain plantation or tract of land, situate in Hatfield township, in the county of Philadelphia, and, according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, vizt:—Beginning at a white oak sapling in the line of —— Buckhamer's land, a corner of Martin Wireman's land; thence extending along the said Wireman's land north forty-one degrees and three-quarters, east one hundred and fifteen perches to a stone, a corner of Thomas Davis's land; thence along the same south forty-one degrees and three-quarters east one hundred and forty perches to a post, a corner of Abijah Wright's land; thence by the same, and by land of Thomas Stilford, south forty-two degrees and a half west one hundred and fifteen perches to a post, a corner of the said Buckhamer's land; thence by the same north forty-one degrees and three quarters west one hundred and forty-one perches to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and one acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Jonathan Wright, an attainted traytor, to the said Joseph Dean, for the sum of eleven thousand four hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of five bushells and seven-tenths of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of Pensylvania, and their successors and assigns: Three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of January last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, February 8th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper, and
General Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. William Forbes and Robert M'Knight, overseers of the poor, for the sum of eighteen pounds one shilling and ten pence, State money, amount of their account of the burial charges and other expences, of an aged negro man named London, late the property of John Parrock, an attainted traytor.

Resolved, That in case any officer is necessarily prevented from personally receiving the money advanced in Philadelphia by this

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Board, on account of depreciation, he be permitted to draw an order authorizing the Paymaster, or in his absence, any field officer of the same regiment, to receive the same, and that such order and the receipt thereon, be a sufficient voucher to the Auditors for the payment.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Captain David Zeiglar, Sub-Clothier, all the blankets in his possession, taking his receipt therefor, to be divided and forwarded to the regiments of the Pensylvania line, agreeable to the directions of General Sinclair.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Dean, Esquire, of the city of Philadelphia, conveying a certain messuage and plantation or tract of land situate in Blockley township, in the county of Philadelphia, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, that is to say: Beginning by the side of the river Schuylkill; thence extending along the widow Peters' land, north seventy-three degrees west three hundred and five perches to a corner; thence by —— George's land, south eighteen degrees west twenty-five perches and nine tenths of a perch to a corner; thence by land of John Penn, Esquire, south seventy-one degrees forty-five minutes east three hundred and twelve perches to the river Schuykill aforesaid; thence up the said river to the place of beginning; containing fifty-six acres, be the same more or less, seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Butcher, to the said Joseph Dean, for the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of seven bushells and four tenths of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the trustees of the University of the State of Pensylvania, and to their successors and assigns; three-fourths parts of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates, in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of January last.

On application,

Ordered, That John Lukens, Esquire, late Surveyor General of the Province of Pensylvania, be directed to make search among the publick papers in his possession, in the name of Jonathan Woodland, for a return of the survey of a tract of land situate in Red Lyon Hundred in the county of Newcastle, part of a large tract called Cox's Neck.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, February 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, and Mr. Read.

On consideration,

Resolved, That every sergeant who shall deliver to Colonel Lewis Nichola at the Barracks of this city, or to any officer appointed by this Board to recruit at any of the places of rendezvous within this State, an able bodied recruit, shall be entitled to receive for every such recruit, when attested, the sum of seven shillings and six pence, exclusive of the two dollars to be paid to the officer.

Ordered, That Mr. William Turnbull be directed to purchase in behalf of the State, a quantity of red cloth and trimmings for the facing six hundred suits of cloathes, to be delivered to Colonel Lewis Farmer as soon as possible.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Accounts, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of advancing to the officers of the Pensylvania line, to be charged to them in the settlement of their accounts of depreciation.

A petition from Reading Beatty, was read, praying to be appointed Surgeon of the Pensylvania regiment of Artillery, commanded by Colonel Thomas Proctor, in the room of Doctor Adams, resigned. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said Reading Beatty be appointed Surgeon of the said regiment, and the Honourable Board is hereby requested to grant him a commission accordingly.

In Council.

Saturday, February 10th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper.
Mr. Potter,

The Council taking into consideration the appointing officers for the four companies of Rangers, to be raised in this State, for the defence of the frontiers; on consideration,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed & commissioned accordingly, viz:—Thomas Robinson, Captain; Moses Van Camp, Lieutenant; and Ensign, of the company to be raised in the county of Northumberland.

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Thomas Stokely, Captain; John Cummins, Lieutenant; and Ensign, of the company to be raised in the county of Westmoreland.

Phillip Shrawder, Captain; Jacob Kreamer, Lieutenant; and Ensign, of the company to be raised in the county of Northampton.

John Boyd, Captain, Richard Johnston, Lieutenant; and Ensign, of the company to be raised in the county of Bedford.

And following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Captain Thomas Robinson, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, new Continental money, for the purpose of raising a company of Rangers in this State, for the defence of the Frontiers, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favour of Captain John Boyd, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, new Continental or State money, for the purpose aforesaid, for which he is to be accountable.

In favour of the Honourable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, new Continental or State money, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the purpose aforesaid, for which sum he, the said Lieutenant, is to account.

In favour of the Honourable John Van Campen, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, new Continental or State money, for the purpose aforesaid; to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Rea, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, and for which he, the said Lieutenant, is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, February 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Piper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Archibald Lochry, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, new Continental or State money, for the recruiting service, for which sum he is to be accountable.

Frederick Phyle, Esquire, Naval Officer, attended in Council, and represented that the ship from Cadiz, had arrived here, and that the Captain had applied to him to enter the

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ship, representing that he had it not in his power to render the valuation of his cargo, as required by law; that thereupon, he had declined to enter her, and requests the advice of Council on the case.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, February 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Piper.

Mr. Boyd and Mr. Duncan, a Committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that a House were formed and ready to receive such business as the Council may have to lay before them.

The following Message being read and considered; was *Ordered*, To be presented to the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met:

Gentlemen:—Your recess has been distinguished by an event which, in a country less free, and a cause less glorious, wou'd (so far as regards this State) have been deemed an irreparable misfortune; we mean the partial dissolution of the Pensylvania line. The character our troops have ever supported in the field, the well-grounded expectations formed upon their discipline and courage, must induce every patriotic mind to lament even a partial disappointment as no inconsiderable evil; but we see nothing in it which can raise a doubt, and much less despondency, in a firm and determined mind. The history of the present war, illustrated by recent successes, must convince the most prejudiced, that the spirit and virtue of America, on many occasions, has supplied the place of professional knowledge; and tho' we think every duty of policy and interest shou'd prompt us to keep a regular and well appointed force in the field, we ought never to doubt of final success, while as freemen, we have arms in our hands, and courage to use them; and that we have both, we trust our enemies will now be honorable, tho' reluctant witnesses. It wou'd neither consist with the limits of a message, or with propriety, to enter into a particular detail of the circumstances of this event; we shall only say, that under unfavourable appearances, this Board was requested to send a committee

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to treat with the discontented troops, that they executed the trust reposed in them, not only with the approbation of a committee of Congress appointed on the same occasion, but general satisfaction at the time, and that the several papers which relate to the transaction are ready to be communicated to your Honourable House, if you shall judge it necessary.

Finding that many of the discharged soldiers expressed strong desires to re-inlist, we thought it our duty to avail ourselves of this disposition without delay, and, therefore, opened the recruiting service immediately, which has been attended with considerable success. This necessary service, as well as a proper attention to the remaining officers and troops, will call for the particular aid of your Honourable House, in whom the constitutional powers of raising supplies is alone vested. Upon this, as well as many other late occasions, we have found ourselves placed in a state of responsibility for demands, as well of a general as special nature, in no small degree unfurnished with the means of answering them; and what is perhaps the most to be regretted in the late event is, that large accumulated expence will be necessarily incurred when our situation will least admit. Conscious of having to the best of our abilities, paid the strictest attention to economy and propriety in the expenditure of the publick money intrusted to us, we shall be glad to see the former practice of annual inspection and publication of the publick accounts by the Representatives of the people revived and continued, which, with respect to recent expenditures, may, we think, be effected while your auditors are employed in the adjustment of former accounts which have grown upon us amidst the confusion of war, and the unsettled state of publick affairs. We have thought it our duty to offer these suggestions to obviate some mistakes which have prevailed on this subject, and shall readily concurr in any measures you Honourable House shall judge proper to answer this salutary end. From present appearances, we must expect a vigorous and active campaign, and as this is the season of preparation, we most earnestly entreat you to devise some means to enable us to answer the expectations which Congress and the army will reasonably form, in consequence of the general arrangements which have been made. The frontiers have also their just claims of attention, as it may be feared that without some force for their protection, many extensive and valuable settlements will be abandoned.

The imperfect collection of taxes and deficiency of the Treasury, have oblig'd us to adopt various plans of creditt; but experience obliges us to acknowledge that they have generally proved insufficient, and that our officers in every department find very great difficulties in procuring supplies in any mode of credit yet essayed. Every necessary article is within our reach, if the means of procuring it were provided. We therefore, esteem it our duty to recom-

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mend it as the most important object of the wisdom and attention of the House, to make a discriminate and adequate provision for the current year, formed on a reasonable estimate of its demands and services, and to facilitate this duty we have made an essay of such estimate, which is ready to be laid before you.

In our present situation we apprehend the militia must be considered as a necessary and important substitute untill the line can be collected in respectable force; nor can we think that in any circumstance policy or interest will not warrant innovations which may enfeeble it, while our enemies seem so determined on the prosecution of the war.

We must also recommend some domestick regulations, and particularly the erecting the new counties in the western parts of this State, which we apprehend will be necessary for the accommodation of the settlers in those parts, and conciliate them to the jurisdiction of this State; the alterations which have been in the currency, also require some attention to the convenience of trade, by providing some lesser denominations of bills of credit for change.

We shall on our parts cheerfully give any assistance to advance the publick business and cultivate that harmony which is usefull and honourable to government at all times, but at present indispensibly necessary.

The Secretary will deliver sundry papers proper for the information and consideration of the House, on such matters as have occurred during your recess.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, February 13th, 1781.

General Potter having certified that the following named eighteen men of Captain Corens' company have been discharged,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the agents and request them to pay to each of them a month's pay, and to Colonel Farmer to deliver them a pair of overalls, a shirt and a pair of shoes, if they have not receiv'd the same, to wit:

Abraham Hambright, Andrew Bearstricker, John Wall, Michael Lower, } Sergeants.
William Cowan, John Wolfe, } Corporals.
James Wallace, Elijah Bowman, } Bombadiers.
Samuel Hastings, James Buker, } Gunners.

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Godfrey Critzmer,
Peter Whitner,
Henry Brown,
Christian Aile,
Henry Miller,
William Cummings,
George Benediot,
Andrew Crawford,
} Matrosses.

Captain Boys and Doctor Hutchinson, in the name of the officers of the State navy, expressed to Council their willingness of being discharged, with the reservation of the priviledges allowed to officers by the laws of this State.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the officers and men of the State navy be discharged, except only Captain Boys, and such of the men who, having been disabled in the State service, are by the laws State intitled to support; and that the thanks of the Council be given to the said officers for their faithfull services.

Ordered, That Captain Boys be directed to take charge of the Gallies and the Forts at Mud Island and Billingsport, untill the further order of Council.

An application from the Board of War for the upper rooms of the western wing of the State House being read and considered,

Ordered, That the Secretary be desired to deliver to the Board of War the keys of the said.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

Resolved, In case the commanding officer of any regiment shall be of opinion that the recruiting service will be forwarded by advancing money for that purpose to any recruiting officer, that such commanding officer of a regiment be authorized to call on the Civil Magistrate, or other person appointed by the President or Vice President in Council, to pay the bounty money to recruits, and receive from time to time such sums of money as shall be necessary for the aforesaid purpose: Such commanding officer first engaging

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to account for the same to the person from whom he shall have receiv'd it, before he leaves the place of his regimental rendezvous, in which account no other charge whatever shall be allowed but the actual payment of bounty.

A representation from divers inhabitants of the town of Carlisle was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Ordered, That Colonel Adam Hubley be appointed and commissioned to be Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, in the stead of Colonel Samuel J. Atlee, advanced to be a delegate; and that William Kelly be appointed and commissioned to be a Sub-Lieutenant of the said county in the stead of the Hon'ble James Cunningham, Esquire, advanced to be a member of this Council.

Ordered, That Colonel Hubley and William Kelly do take the oaths required to qualify them for their respective offices, before William Henry and Paul Zantzinger, Esquires, and give bonds for the faithfull discharge of their respective offices, according to law, with such surities as the said William Henry and Paul Zantzinger shall judge to be sufficient.

Ordered, That General Potter and Colonel Cunningham be appointed to hear and determine in the case of such invalid corps belonging to the State of Pensylvania, as may claim their discharge.

A letter from Captain David Zeigler of this day was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary direct Captain Zeigler to apply to Colonel Farmer for account books, and to the Continental Quarter Masters for the pay of the waggon hire.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of eight hundred and seventy-one pounds two shillings and six pence, State money, amount of pay due to the officers and men of the gallies, from the first of August, 1780, to the first of February, 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds one shilling, State money, amount of money due to the officers and men of the gallies in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the thirteenth of January last to the tenth instant.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb'y 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

A petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Pettit, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

A petition from John Davis, convicted of larceny, and of an assault and battery, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held for the county of Philadelphia, praying remission of his fines, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Davis, be remitted.

Resolved, That the several Lieutenants and sub-Lieutenants, except of Bedford, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, directed by this Board to receive the recruits to be raised by the act of Assembly, passed the last session, intitled "An act to complete the quota of the Federal army assigned to this State," do deliver the recruits furnished by the several classes to the commanding officer of the several regiments, stationed as follows, viz't:

The regiment of Artillery		at Newtown.
The First regiment of Infantry		at Yorktown.
The Second	do.	at Yellow Springs.
Third	do.	at Easton.
Fourth	do.	at Carlisle.
Fifth	do.	at Reading.
Sixth	do.	at Lebanon.

And that care be taken that such recruits be duly attested, and the receipt of their bounty acknowledged, before some civil magistrate, agreeable to the third article of the recruiting instructions, given out by this Board on the twenty-second of January last.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, February 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Piper.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Ralston, Esquire, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northampton.

Resolved, That Colonel George Smith, Agent for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, be directed to attend at the survey of the part of Hogg Island purchased by James Mease, Hugh Shiell, and Samuel Caldwell, late the estate of Joseph Galloway.

The following message being read and considered, viz^t^:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council, to the representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—To facilitate the business of the House, and enable the members to form a judgment of the probable expences of the year, we have made an essay of an estimate, framed upon a Continental estimate. We find ourselves often very critically situated for want of due appropriation of the publick monies, and the money being greatly insufficient for the whole service, we are oblig'd to apportion it in the best manner we can, but it frequently happens to be inadequate to the end proposed.

JOSEPH REED, *President*.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, February 16th, 1781.

Ordered, That the said message be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly.

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In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Saturday, February 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Piper.

Christopher Hayes, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Westmoreland, attended in Council and took the oaths required by the Constitution of this State; and thereupon took his seat at the Board.

Resolved, That Doctor Gardner, General Potter, and Mr. Van Campen, be a committee to confer with a committee of Assembly, touching a valuable island in the river Delaware, called Hogg Island, seized by the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, as the property of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traytor, and which Colonel Proctor and others are attempting to take into their possession.

Resolved, That the Honourable House of Assembly be requested to appoint a committee for the above purpose.

Guilliam Aertes requesting to have a certificate of his being a citizen of the State, under the less seal of the State, laid before the Council a certificate of his having taken the oath of allegiance before John Ord, Esquire, on the thirtieth of June, 1780, and a certificate, signed by William Will, of his having served in the third regiment of Philadelphia militia, under his command; on consideration,

Ordered, That the certificate requested be granted.

Petitions from the following named persons, referred to the Council by the General Assembly, being read, viz: Mary Hasenclever and Leonard Jacobi, Conrad Drum and John Grier, and Lawrence Shinney.

And the Lieutenant of the city being called upon and examined; thereupon the same were dismissed.

A petition from Walter Hall, praying to be appointed one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of pay allowed to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, by act of Assembly, was read and rejected.

A resolve of the Honourable House of Assembly of the fifteenth instant, was read, appointing a committee, to wit: Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Patton, Mr. J. Burd, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Lowrey, to confer with the Council on the present state of the frontiers, and

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prepare and report to the House a proper plan for defending the same; thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board will meet the said Committee on the said business, on Monday next, at six o'clock in the evening.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn in favour of Colonel Archibald Loehry, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, for the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, State money, equal to two thousand five hundred dollars Continental money, at the exchange of seventy-five, to be by him paid to Captain Samuel Brody, as a reward for an Indian scalp, agreeable to a late proclamation of this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, for the purpose of repairing the Barracks of this city, for which he is to account.

Ensign William Murren, and Ensign John B. Tilden, of the second Pensylvania regiment, being recommended as Lieutenants of the said regiment,

Resolved, That they be appointed accordingly, and that the Board of War be requested to grant the commissions, Ensign Murren to take rank from the twenty-third of July, 1780, and Ensign Tilden from the twenty-fifth of the same month.

A petition from Mary Hamilton, of the city of Philadelphia, widow, was read, praying permission from this Board for her son, William Hamilton, to return to this State, and remain therein four or six weeks, in order to compleat the settlement of his affairs. On consideration,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Michael Hoofnagle, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of one of the counties about to be struck off on the western frontiers, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly, of the fifteenth instant, was receiv'd and read, appointing a Committee of the House, viz: Mr. R. Morris, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Mifflin, Mr.

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J. Harris, and Mr. Montgomery, to make enquiry into the causes of the late discontents that prevailed in the Pensylvania line, and to obtain from the Supreme Executive Council all necessary papers on this subject.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

One other resolution of the House of Assembly, of the seventeenth instant, was read, appointing a committee, viz: Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Duncan, to wait upon his Excellency the President and Council, and obtain from them an account of all confiscated estates sold and appropriated, or not, as requested by a resolution of the eleventh of December last.

Resolved, That the Vice President and Doctor Gardner, be a committee of this Board to meet Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Duncan, a committee of the House, on their message of the seventeenth instant, respecting confiscated estates.

A letter from John Agnew, Esquire, of the tenth instant, was read, inclosing his commission of Sub-Lieutenant of the county of York, and praying leave to resign the same. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said resignation be not accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, February 20th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President,
Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of nineteen pounds nine shillings and eight pence, State money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Reily, McGowan, and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Heneyman, Pugh, Boss and McClean, in lieu of their rations and refreshments, from the fourteenth of January last to the eleventh of February instant.

In favour of Messrs. Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Publick Accounts, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for paying in part, the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for which the said Auditors are to account.

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In favour of Captain David Zeigler, for the sum of twenty-five pounds, State money, amount of expences in removing the State stores from the army to this city, at the time of the revolt of the Pensylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favour of Jonathan D. Sergeant, for the sum of fifteen pounds, State money, as a retaining fee in behalf of the State, in a cause depending respecting Hogg Island, in the river Delaware.

On consideration,

Resolved, Henry Osborne, Esquire, of the city of Philadelphia, be appointed and commissioned to be Escheator General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the nineteenth instant, was read, appointing a committee of the House to meet and confer with the committee of this Board appointed the seventeenth instant, respecting the Island in the river Delaware, called Hogg Island.

A petition from George Schultz was read, setting forth that he hath been unfairly inlisted in the Pensylvania line, and praying to be discharged; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 21st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hayes.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. William Turnbull, Agent for purchasing cloathing for the Pensylvania line, be directed to pay to John Holker, Esquire, Agent for the Marine of France, the sum of six hundred and eighty pounds ten shillings, State money, being the ballance, as per account setled this day.

Resolved, That the Agents of Confiscated Estates do make a report of their proceedings in their several offices since their appointment, containing a full return of all forfeited estates within their several counties, the names of the attainted persons, their real property, describing the quantity of land, the improvements, situation, and estimated value of such as remain unsold, with the incumbrances, if any; also the names of the purchasers, and the

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prices at which the several sales have been made, and under what incumbrances; and that this return be made forthwith.

WHEREAS, The Honourable House of Assembly of this State did, on the twenty-third day of September last, authorize the President and Council to appoint two commissioners on the part of the State, in conjunction with commissioners to be appointed by the State of Virginia, to extend the line commonly called Mason and Dixon's line, five degrees of longitude from Delaware river, and from the western termination of the line so extended, to run and mark, as soon as may be, a meridian line to the Ohio river, the remainder of that line to be run as soon as the President and Council, taking into their consideration the disposition of the Indians, shall think it prudent. And the President and Council are hereby authorized to give to the said commissioners such instructions in the premises as they shall think fit; whereupon, the same being considered,

Resolved, That John Lukins, Esquire, and Archibald McClean, Esquire, of York county, be appointed Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid; that a draught of instructions be prepared as soon as possible, and that the President be requested to give notice of this appointment to the Governor of Virginia.

Resolved, That a copy of said appointment be forwarded to the House of Representatives, and the House be requested to fix the allowance for the Commissioners and their assistants.

Resolved, That the tenth of May next be proposed to the State of Virginia, to proceed in the said business, if that time shall be convenient to the said State; and that in case of the death, sickness, or other inability of either of the above Commissioners, Alexander McClean, Esquire, of Westmoreland, be appointed a Commissioner on the part of this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Joseph Montgomery, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for the State of Pensylvania, for which sum he is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That John McFalane, now confined in the old goal, be now discharged from his confinement, on condition that he give sufficient security in the sum of five hundred pounds, specie, to appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, and in the meantime to be of good behaviour.

A resolution of the Honourable House of the twentieth instant, was receiv'd and read, removing Jacob Weaver, Esquire, from his office of Justice of the Peace for the county of Berks, he having been convicted of adultery with a certain Margaret Lesher, the wife of John Lesher, of the said county.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the fifteenth instant, was receiv'd and read, appointing a committee, viz:

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Mr. R. Morris, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Mifflin, Mr. J. Harris and Mr. Montgomery, to confer with the President and Council, and the general officers of the Pensylvania line, now in town, on the subject of recruiting the said line. To request the Supreme Executive Council to furnish the House with an estimate of the expences of the current year, and report the same to the House, together with some mode of satisfying the officers and soldiers still remaining in the Pensylvania line.

Also, to make inquiry into the causes of the late discontents that prevailed therein, and to obtain from the Supreme Executive all necessary papers on this subject.

Resolved, That this Board will meet the said committee at six o'clock this evening, in the Council chamber.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and the committee also attending, a conference was had respecting the causes of the late discontents in the Pensylvania line, when the committee withdrew.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, February 22nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

A letter from Isaac Snowden, Treasurer of the city and county of Philadelphia, of the 21st instant, was read, setting forth that himself, Charles Pryor and Adam Sticker, have acted as Collectors of the publick taxes in the said city and county; that they have been called upon by the Lieutenant of the city for their fines for not performing their tour of militia duty, and praying the aid of this Board therein; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed to forbear prosecution for the above fines 'till further inquiry and order of this Board.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Major William Armstrong be allowed two dollars per day for his services in superintending the workmen employed at the fortifications on the forts of Mud Island and Billingsport.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 23, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Cunningham,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Accounts, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for which the said Auditors are to account.

The following message being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly.

Message from the President and Council, to the Representatives of the Council of the freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—At your last sessions the sum of six hundred pounds, specie, was borrowed to engage those of the seven months' men as might be inclined to continue in the service. A small part was expended before the mutiny, and the residue paid into the Treasury.

We shou'd be glad your Honourable House wou'd appoint a committee to settle the account, and give directions for the disposition of the money, under this change of circumstances.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, February 23d, 1781.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, February 24th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Cunningham,	

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of twenty-third of February instant, submitting to his Excellency the Presi-

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dent and Council, the defence of the frontiers of this State, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Board taking into consideration, that the circumstances of the city will now admit the discharge of the militia, and that the time for which they were required by Congress is nearly expired:

Resolved, That they be discharged at the expiration of a month from the commencement of their service, except the guard, requested by the Deputy Commissary of Prisoners of this city, to escort prisoners to Elizabethtown.

The Council taking into consideration the case of James Johnston, now confined in the old goal;

Resolved, That the part of the sentence of the court, requiring the said James Johnston to give security, be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement upon paying his fees.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Messrs. Joseph Dean, and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Accounts, be directed (upon the application of Doctor A. Skinner, Surgeon of Lieutenant Colonel Lee's Legion) to pay to Captain Allen McClean the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to be paid by him to Captain James Armstrong, Lieutenant Manning, Lieutenant Gorden, and Matthew Irwin, Surgeon, officers of the above legion, in equal payments, and to be charged to them as part of the depreciation allowed by the act of Assembly to the Pensylvania line; the said Captain McClean being responsible that the said officers do admit this payment be good as to them, and the State fully exonerated for so much money in account with the said officers.

A resolution of the Honourable the General Assembly of this day, was receiv'd and read, appointing a committee, vizt: Mr. Wynkoop, and Mr. Montgomery, to obtain from this Board an account of all provisions purchased by this State in consequence of an act intitled "An Act for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the army," passed the twenty-third of March, 1780, and the act of Congress of the fourth of November last, what part thereof has been delivered, and what still remains in the magazines of this State; and the same was accordingly complied with.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Dean, Esquire, conveying a certain messuage, kitchen, and lott of ground, situate in Germantown, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, vizt: Beginning at Germantown Main street; thence extending by land of Peter Bockius, south forty degrees west forty-two perches and a half of a perch to a corner; thence still by the said Peter Bochius's land, south fifty degrees east four perches and twenty-four links, to a

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corner of Melchior Mengs' land; thence by the said Melchior Mengs' land, forty degrees east forty perches and one-half of a perch to Germantown Main street, aforesaid; thence by the same north twenty-eight degrees west four perches and twenty-four links, to the place of beginning; containing about one acre and forty perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, (as the estate late of Holton Jones, an attainted traytor,) to the said Joseph Dean, for the sum of eleven thousand one hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, of five bushells and eleven-twentieth parts of a bushell, of good merchantable wheat, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia; the remaining one-fourth reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of January last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, February 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Potter,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, amount of six months' pay due to him as Town Major, from the nineteenth of August, 1780, to the nineteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Accounts, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for which the said Auditors are to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Nichola, be authorized and directed to employ a trusty Serjeant to assist him in preserving the barracks of this city from being damaged by the soldiery that may be quartered therein from time to time, and that said Serjeant be allowed two dollars per month for said service.

A petition from Catharine Graff, was read, praying permission from this Board to rebuild the works of a brick-yard, and work the clay on a lott of ground on the commons of this city.

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On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

WHEREAS, Divers persons now occupy lotts within the limits of this city, the property of the State, under the pretence of former leases and permissions from the late Proprietaries, and other pretended claims:

And whereas, Such occupation is not only injurious to the rights of the State in general, but the inhabitants of the city in particular, who are intitled to the use of all vacant land within the bounds and limits of the city, as a free common of pasture, untill the same shall be purchased for building and improvement:

Resolved, therefore, That publick notice be given to all such occupiers, that it is the intention of this Board to assert the rights of this Board and of the city, by removing the enclosures of all persons holding such vacant lands within the bounds of this city, on any pretence of leases or permissions of the former Proprietaries or otherwise, except by patent, so as to preserve the said lotts from encroachments untill the Legislature of the State shall take farther order in the premisses. And all persons are hereby forbid entering upon said lands and possessing them, as no regard will in future be paid to the expences they have been at in manuring and fencing them.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Archibald Lochry, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, do cause the arms in the said county belonging to the State, to be repaired as soon as possible; and that Colonel David Broadhead, commanding officer at Fort Pitt, be requested to assist him therein.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, February 27th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.

Resolved, That the several Commissioners appointed to receive and attest the recruits in this State, agreeable to the instructions of this Board dated the twenty-second day of January last, do make the second and third payment of the bounty, as they become due,

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as mentioned in the fourth article of the said instructions; and that Colonel Nichola do transmit to the said Commissioners the attestations taken by him, in order that the receipts may be endorsed; and when the bounty is fully paid, duplicates of the attestations and enlistments to be delivered to the commanding officer of the regiment, and the originals forwarded to this Board.

Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, having laid before this Board a state of his accounts to the twenty-fourth of January last, agreeable to the nineteenth section of the militia law of this State: Thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Samuel Penrose, Esquire, Quarter Master of the Philadelphia troop of light horse, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying the expenses of a detachment of the said troop in going to Trenton, at the time of the mutiny of the Pensylvania line.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the purpose of paying for three hundred and sixty pounds of powder, and two hundred pounds of lead, purchased by him for the State, and to be forwarded to the county of Northumberland, for the defence of the said county.

The following Message being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—By your resolve of the twenty-third instant, the defence of the frontiers was wholly submitted to the directions of the President in Council. We acknowledge the confidence reposed in us, and assure you that there is no part of publick duty we shall perform with more Chearfulness than relieving the distress and removing the apprehensions of the inhabitants of that part of the State. We have, therefore, formed a plan for their protection, which is now lay'd before you, in order that, if approved, your Honourable House may provide the means of carrying it into execution; to pay, arm, cloath and feed these troops, money indispensibly necessary. The treasury, unless it receives new and essential aid, will not admit so large a sum to be drawn for one service without great prejudice, and even ruin, to others, equally necessary to our safety and general protection; we must, therefore, request the Honourable House, whose collective view of the resources of the State, and the demands upon it, best enables them, and whose right it is, woul'd judge and ascertain the different proportions for the different services, and how much of the publick revenue shall be appropriated to this service; it will be our care and duty to expend it most beneficially for the frontiers, and honourably to the State.

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The observation and experience of the Honourable House make it unnecessary to suggest that, in the present state of publick affairs we can place little confidence in voluntary supplies, or such as can be procured by partial credit and influence, and still less by coercion, and that to hold out promisses of protection by votes and resolves, without some probable and apparent means of performance, is not only dishonourable to government, but may involve the numerous petioners in a delusive and fatal security.

We are deeply sensible of the difficulties in which this subject is involved, and that with the strongest desires and best intentions, your measures may be inadequate even to just expectations; we trust the same candour will be exercised towards the Executive part of government, whose exertions will be equally insufficient, if destitute of the means of executing the plan of defence now framed, or any other of a similar nature.

JOSEPH REED, President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philadelphia, February 27th, 1781.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, February 28th, 1781, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Cunningham,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Piper, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, By an act of Assembly passed the tenth day of October, 1779, all the taxable inhabitants of this State were required to make return, on oath or affirmation, of all their estates, real or personal, on pain of forfieting a sum equal to the tax at which such persons were rated, pursuant to the said act:

And Whereas, By a subsequent act, bearing date the first day of June, 1780, entitled "An Act for funding and redeeming the bills "of credit of the United States, and providing means to bring the "present war to a happy conlusion," it was declared that the monthly taxes laid by the former act shou'd be continued, except as to the appointment thereof, according to the former assessment,

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but that the present tax shou'd be collected on a new assessment, and new return to be made, in the manner and under the penalties directed and provided by the act of Assembly before mentioned:

To the end therefore, that uniformity may take place in the execution of the above laws, and that those who have made faithfull returns may not be partially treated,

Resolved, That the Commis'rs of the several counties do cause the returns of property to be made on oath or affirmation, as by the laws aforesaid are directed, and in failure thereof, the penalty before recited to be levied upon all delinquents.

This Board taking into consideration the payment of the volunteers raised pursuant to a law passed the twenty-sixth day of May last, which said volunteers were entitled thereby, to the pay and rations of the Federal army, and this Board having applied to the Honourable Board of War to ascertain the pay of the Federal army during the aforesaid period, and the said Board having reported that to the first day of August the pay of the Federal army should be given in the old money; and after that period in bills of the new emission, agreeable to the resolves of Congress;

Resolved, therefore, That the payment of the said volunteers be made agreeable to the above report, and that said volunteers be paid off, as soon as the troops serving in the Federal army are satisfied for their pay during the said period.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the twenty-sixth instant, was read, inclosing a resolution of the Honourable Congress of the twentieth instant, directing that the Southern army be composed of all the regular troops from Pensylvania to Georgia, inclusive, except Moylan's Dragoons, and those on command on the Western frontiers; and that the Commander-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to order the troops of the Pensylvania line, except as above, to join the army in Virginia by detachments, as they may be in readiness to march.

That the Deputy Quarter Master in Pensylvania be directed to put the waggons belonging to the Pensylvania line in order for service immediately.

That the several States southward of Pensylvania be and are hereby required to furnish their respective quotas of supplies to the southern army timely and regularly.

That the States aforesaid, and the State of Pensylvania, be and hereby are required to compleat their respective quotas of troops, and forward them to join the southern army without loss of time.

A petition of Captain Giles Hicks, late of the tenth Pensylvania regiment, was read, praying permission to resign his half pay, and also to go to the West Indies.

Resolved, That he have permission to resign his half pay.

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The following message being read and considered, vizt:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—The execution of the part of the law which obliges every exporter of flour to tender one-third of the quantity to the Commissioner of Purchases, is attended with so many inconveniences to trade and perplexities to the officers, and real prejudice to the State, which now pays an advance price of twelve and a half per cent. upon all flour so received, that we must recommend it to your consideration, and more especially as we apprehend the treasury is not in any respect relieved, as the purchase money is to be immediately paid. It is also an incumbrance of which the neighboring State of Delaware is taking daily advantage; the commerce being transferred, and the produce of this State exported from their ports, where no such incumbrance exists.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, February.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 1st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Samuel Atlee, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for the State of Pensylvania, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, Auditors of Accounts, for the sum of seventy pounds, for State money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for which they are to account.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, March 2d, 1781, Friday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Joseph Dean and Jacob Morris, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying in part the depreciation allowed to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line by act of Assembly, for which they are to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, for the sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings, State money, amount of his account for his wages from the first to the twenty-eighth of February last.

A petition from Hugh Fegen and George Chase, two soldiers now confined in the guard house by order of Colonel Proctor, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That General Lacey and Mr. Van Campen be appointed to inquire into the cause of their confinement, and report thereon to this Board.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the first instant was received and read, authorizing and impowering this Council to appoint any additional number of Auditors above the number mentioned in the act of Assembly, intitled "An Act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as they may judge necessary for expediting the business directed to be performed by the Auditors in the said act mentioned, which additional Auditors shall have all the powers and authorities, and similar pay, granted by the said act to the Auditors therein mentioned.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of this day was read, directing that the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred and twenty-three pounds five shillings, be appropriated for the purpose of raising the four companies of infantry directed to be raised by the House at their last sessions, to be under the direction of the Supreme Executive Council. The said sum to be paid out of the funds to be provided by the House during their present session by the said Council, and that the Committee of Ways and Means report to the House, without delay, a plan of raising a sufficient fund for the aforesaid purpose.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 3d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Potter,	

The Council taking into consideration the act of Assembly intitled "An Act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed Auditors to settle the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Federal army belonging to the line of this State, who will meet and proceed to business at the several times and places hereafter mentioned, viz: James Stephenson and John Nicholson, who are appointed in general, and will proceed separately to each of the places of rendezvous of the regiments, and there meet the Auditors appointed for each county, as follows, viz:

At Newtown, Bucks county.

Abraham Dubois and William Goforth, Esquires, to settle with the regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Thomas Proctor, from the twelfth to the fifteenth of March inclusive.

At Easton, Northampton county.

Robert Levers and John Ralston, Esquires, to settle with the third regiment of Infantry, from the seventeenth to the twenty-first of March inclusive.

At Reading, in Berks county.

Henry Christ and Henry Haller, Esquires, to settle with the fifth and ninth regiments of Infantry, from the twenty-third to the twenty of March inclusive.

At Lebanon, in Lancaster county.

Robert Clarke and John Thorn, Esquires, to settle with the sixth and eleventh regiments, from the twenty-ninth of March to the second of April, inclusive.

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At Downings town, in Chester county.

John Hannums and John Beaton, Esquires, to settle with the second regiment of Infantry and the late German battalion, from the twelfth to the fifteenth of March, inclusive.

At Lancaster.

William Fullerton, Junior, and Samuel Boyd, Esquires, to settle with the regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Moylan, from the seventeenth to the twenty-first of March, inclusive.

At York town, in the county of York.

Michael Swoop and Henry Slagle, Esquires, to settle with the first and tenth regiments of Infantry, from the twenty-third to the twenty-seventh of March, inclusive.

At Carlisle, in Cumberland county.

Samuel Laird and William Lyon, Esquires, to settle with the fourth and seventh regiments of Infantry, from the twenty-ninth of March to the second of April, inclusive.

And all paymasters of regiments are required punctually to attend with their pay-rolls and accounts at the several times and places above mentioned; and all officers and soldiers claiming benefit under the act of Assembly passed at Philadelphia the eighteenth day of December last, are expected to attend, with a stated account of their depreciation, as they will be in danger of being excluded.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of divers inhabitants from the settlement of Dunning's Creek, in the county of Bedford, complaining of the conduct of James Martin, Esquire, in the execution of his office of Sub-Lieutenant of the said county; thereupon,

Resolved, That a copy of the same be sent to Colonel Martin, and that he be directed to return an answer as soon as possible.

A petition from Patrick Hay and Samuel Patterson, addressed to the Honourable the House of Assembly, and referred by the House to this Board, was read, complaining of the conduct of James Bailey in the execution of his office of Waggon Master of the county of Lancaster; thereupon,

Resolved, That a copy of the said petition be forwarded to the said James Baily, and that he be directed to send his answer thereto as soon as possible.

Resolved, That Conrad Duwetter and William Nicholls, employed by Captain Stiles in repairing of arms for the use of the State, be allowed six shillings per day for every day they shall be so employed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Cunningham,	

A petition from Jane Smith, praying remission of her husband's fine for not performing his tour of militia duty, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

On consideration,

Resolved, That General Potter, Mr. Cunningham, and Doctor Gardner, be appointed a committee to inquire into the conduct of John Perry, Esquire, Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Westmoreland, and make report to this Board.

WHEREAS, By an act of General Assembly passed the twenty-third day of December last, the Supreme Executive Council are impowered and required, from and after the first day of February last, to publish in the several English and German newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, in the first week of every month, the rate of exchange between specie and Continental money, which exchange, so published in each month, the said act declares shall be the exchange between the said Continental money and the State money, thereby made a legal tender:

Resolved, That the said rate of exchange be continued at seventy-five for one, as by the resolution of the first of February last.

A resolve of the Honourable the Congress of the third instant, was receiv'd and read, directing that the Convention troops, as well in the State of Maryland as Virginia, be removed—the British to York town, and the Germans to Lancaster, in the State of Pensylvania, or such other place as the Executive authority of the said State shall direct: That after the said troops shall enter the State of Pennsylvania, they be supplied from the said State: That the Executive authority of the State of Pensylvania be requested to order the supplies, agreeable to the above resolutions, and make the necessary preparations for the reception of the prisoners at the towns or places assigned, as aforesaid, and upon their arrival at those places respectively, the Board of War take order for their future security and supply.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of this day, was receiv'd and read, appointing Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Delany, Mr. Wynkoop,

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Mr. Boyd, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Montgomery, a committee of the Honourable House, to request a conference with the President and Council on the subject of calling the old Continental money out of circulation, and ascertaining the rate of exchange between the said old money and the new bills of credit of this State; and a conference was had upon said subject.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, March 6th, 1781, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hayes.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the second instant, was read, inclosing an act of Congress of the first instant, declaring that the Articles of the Confederation and perpetual Union of the thirteen United States are formally and finally ratified by all the States.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

WHEREAS, The Auditors lately appointed by this Board are now about to proceed to the several places of rendezvous, to settle the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, and it being necessary to collect all accounts as far as possible, and the lists of soldiers who have receiv'd the bounties of last summer; thereupon,

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Nichola be directed to call upon such officers as have receiv'd monies from him, and settle that part of the account which depends on them, and if all the monies have not been expended in payment of the bounties, the State may take credit for the surplus, such officers writing to the Auditors to that effect.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of repairing the barracks of this city, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Nichola be directed to pay to Major Peter Hartman the sum of three pounds, State money, being the reward offered by a resolution of this Board of the twenty-fourth of July last, for apprehending and securing a deserter from the Pensylvania line.

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The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favour of Mr. Joseph Dean, for the sum of thirty-three pounds, State money, for attendance in the Auditors' office, as one of the Auditors of Publick Accounts, from the twelfth of December, 1780, to the twenty-eighth of February, 1781.

In favour of Mr. John Shee, for the sum of one hundred pounds ten shillings, State money, for attendance as aforesaid, from the twelfth of December to the twenty-eighth of February, 1781.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 7th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Hayes.

A petition from John, Frederick, Peter, and Jacob Kuhn, in behalf of their brother, Doctor Adam Kuhn, was read, praying that he may have permission to return to and reside in this State: On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of six hundred and ninety-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, State money, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said city and liberties, lately called into service, for which he is to account; provided there be that sum paid into the Treasury by Colonel William Henry, out of the monies arising from militia fines.

A representation from William Will, Esquire, respecting the Brigantine Elizabeth, seized by order of the Chief Justice, and requesting that a part of the public stores on Race street wharf, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to permit William Will, Esquire, Sheriff of this city and county of Philadelphia, to store the cargo of the Brigantine Elizabeth in the public stores on Race street wharf.

David Gibson, one of the jury appointed on the fifth of January last, to lay out a road from Derby road to Lancaster road, attended in Council, and represented, that by reason of various difficulties and delays, the said jury had not been able to make return within

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the time limitted by the order of Council in that case, and requested further time for that purpose: On consideration,

Ordered, That Jonathan Paschall, John Sellers, Philip Price, Benjamin Brannon, John Lukens Nathan Gibson, and Reuben Haines, or any four of them, do view and lay out a road from Derby road to the bridge on Schuylkill at Market street, to fall into the highway leading westward from the said bridge, where they shall judge most proper, either within or to the westward of that part of the highway which is laid out, one hundred feet wide, and make report thereof in writing to this Council on or before the twenty-first day of this present month.

A letter from Giles Hicks, Esquire, Captain Lieutenant in the Tenth Pensylvania regiment, containing these words, viz: "I "beg leave to resign my commission as Captain Lieutenant, my "half pay and every other emolument which I might claim from "this State," together with his commission, was read;

Whereupon, it was agreed, that the said resignation be accepted; and the same is accordingly accepted of.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 8th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Levis, Esquire, for the sum of six pounds, State money, allowed him for depreciation upon monies paid by him into the Treasury.

The Board taking into consideration an application from divers persons, in behalf of William Wood and Thomas Folliett, now confined in the goal of the county of Bucks, convicted at the Court of of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace * * * * * * * of the said county, of keeping a publick school without having taken or subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance to this State, as by law directed, and sentenced by the said court, each of them to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of four thousand pounds; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said William Wood and Thomas Folliett, be remitted, and that they be discharged from confinement upon paying the costs of prosecution.

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A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of this day, was receiv'd and read, authorising and directing the Supreme Executive Council to order the sum of nine pounds, State money, to be paid as a gratuity to every non-commissioned officer and soldier who has been retain'd and still continues in the Pensylvania line, and who was inlisted prior to the year 1780, to serve during the war.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly have judged it to be expedient at this time to grant to every non-commissioned officer and soldier inlisted prior to the year 1780, who has been retain'd and still continues in the Pensylvania line, a gratuity of nine pounds, State money, over and above the pay and other allowances heretofore made to the said line; thereupon,

Resolved, That the commissioners appointed to attest the recruits at the respective places of rendezvous, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to pay the sum of nine pounds, State money, to each of the said non-commissioned officers and privates, they respectively giving, signing a receipt for the same, and a new inlistment and attestation.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Stephenson, one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation allowed by act of Assembly to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Nicholson, one of the Auditors as aforesaid, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, for which sum he is to be accountable.

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The Honourable James Thompson presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council, viz:

Dr. The State of Pensylvania to James Thompson:

For attendance in Council from the eighteenth of February last to the ninth of March instant, inclusive, twenty days, at 25s per day, - - - - - - - - - -	£25
For mileage on 50 miles coming to Philadelphia and returning, at 1s. per mile, - - - - - - - -	5
	£30

An order was accordingly drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable James Thompson, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, agreeable to the said account.

General Potter, Doctor Gardner, and Mr. Cunningham, according to their appointment, made report as follows, viz:

"The Committee having examined the returns of John Perry, "Commissioner of Purchases for Westmoreland county, beg leave "to report,

"That the prices charged by Mr. Perry for the several articles "of provision, &c., by him procured, appear extravagantly high, "and generally exceed those given in any other part of the State. "A considerable part of the money which he drew from the Trea- "sury for the purpose of purchasing the provisions, have been laid "out in this city for goods, with which he has made his purchases "by exchange, and, therefore, was himself deeply interested in en- "hancing the prices of those articles that he receiv'd in exchange.

"In support of this opinion, the Committee have examined Mr. "Duncan, the Quarter Master at Fort Pitt, who says that he pur- "chased from Mr. Perry broad cloth for a coat and waistcoat, (be- "ing part of the goods purchased by Mr. Perry with the publick "money,) at three pounds per yard, and conditioned to pay for it "in wheat, at five shilling per bushell, or Indian corn, at two shil- "lings and sixpence per bushell, but no return of wheat charged at "a less price than ten shillings, or Indian corn at less than five "shillings per bushell, which affords a profit of one hundred per "cent. upon the exchange.

"The Committee further observe, that the whole amount of Mr. "Perry's expenditures, agreeable to his returns, is six thousand "and fifty-four pounds fourteen shillings and one penny. Nine "hundred pounds of which has been expended in land trans- "portation, the greatest part of which, it appears to us, might have "been saved to the publick by an application to Colonel Broadhead, "or Mr. Duncan, at Fort Pitt, who wou'd have furnished Mr. Per- "ry with boats and men, already in publick service, to carry on "the transportation upon the Monongahela, without any additional "expence.

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"We likewise find, by the returns, that near two-thirds of the "purchases made by Mr. Perry remain on hand, in which case the "nine hundred pounds paid for land carriage is near two-thirds the "amount of the first cost of the articles delivered.

"JAMES POTTER,
"JOSEPH GARDNER,
"JAMES CUNNINGHAM."

And the same being considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That John Perry, Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Westmoreland, be superceded, and that David Duncan, Esquire, of the said county, be appointed in his stead.

Ordered, That John Perry do immediately deliver over the grain, and all property in his hands, belonging to the State, into the hands of David Duncan, Esquire.

A petition from John Millis, junior, setting forth that he hath been convicted at the Court of General Quarter Sessions, of larceny, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipt, to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of three hundred pounds, and to pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of his corporal punishment; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said corporal punishment be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 10th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable the Vice President, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, State money, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Joseph Gardiner, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-eight pounds six shillings and three pence, State money, amount of his account for medicine, &c., furnished to Doctor James Hutchinson, for the use of the militia called into service last summer.

James Stephenson and John Nicholson, Auditors appointed to settle the depreciation, &c., attended in Council, and each of them took the oaths required by the act entitled "An Act to settle and

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"adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of "the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

WHEREAS, The General Assembly have authorised and directed the sum of nine pounds, State money, to be paid as a gratuity to every non-commissioned officer and soldier of the Pensylvania line, inlisted prior to the year 1780, to serve during the war, such non-commissioned officer having been retain'd, and still continuing in the said line; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissioners heretofore appointed to attest the recruits in the city and several counties of this State, at the respective places of rendezvous, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay the said sum of nine pounds, State money, to each of the said non-commissioned officers and privates, respectively, signing a receipt for the same, to be witnessed by some Justice of the Peace, of the tenor following, viz: J A. B., of the regiment in the Pensylvania line, do acknowledge to have receiv'd of the State of Pensylvania, by the hands of C. D., Esquire, the sum of nine pounds, a gratuity allowed by a resolution of Assembly passed the eighth of March, 1781, to such non-commissioned officers and soldiers as were inlisted prior to the year 1780, to serve during the present war, retaining and yet continuing in the service.

Witness present.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners be also authorized to pay the bounty of nine pounds to such non-commissioned officers and privates as having been inlisted for a less time than the expiration of the present war, were retain'd on the late settlement at Trenton; provided always, that they be regularly inlisted and attested as other recruits now are.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. James Stephenson and John Nicholson, Auditors for setling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, for the sum of one hundred and forty pounds, State money, for which they are to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of

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Philadelphia, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying the militia lately called into service, for which he is to account; provided there be so much paid into the Treasury by Colonel William Henry, out of the monies arising from militia fines.

David Duncan, Esquire, appointed Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Westmoreland, in the room of John Perry, superceeded, attended in Council, and took the oaths necessary to qualify him for the execution of the said office.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Duncan, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring a supply of provisions for the garrison at Fort Pitt, for which sum he is to be accountable.

A petition from Jasper Moylan, setting forth that the cargo of the brigantine Elizabeth is in a perishable condition, and praying that the Board wou'd order the sale thereof, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be rejected.

A petition from Edward Davis and Ann, his wife, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A petition from Jacob Baker and John Baker, of the county of Lancaster, setting forth that they have been convicted of receiving stolen goods, at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipt, and pay four several fines to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the corporal punishment; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said corporal punishment be remitted.

On consideration,

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be directed to draw orders on the Treasurers of the counties of Bucks, Chester, Berks, Northampton, Lancaster and Cumberland, in favour of the gentlemen appointed in the said counties to attest the recruits, for the sum of five hundred pounds each, for the recruiting service, for which they are to be accountable; and he is also requested to forward them to the Treasurers aforesaid

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of sixteen pounds ten shillings, State money, amount of cash due to the officers and men of the gallies, in lieu of their rations and refreshments from the tenth of February last to the tenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of ninety-two pounds nineteen shillings, State money, amount of pay due to the officers and men of the gallies, from the first of February last to the first instant.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the twelfth instant, was receiv'd and read, recommending to the Supreme Executive Council to take all necessary and expeditious measures for the consideration and determination of the dispute long depending between this State and that of Connecticut, agreeable to the ninth article of the Confederation of the United States.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable James Read, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-five pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A petition from Miles Martin, convicted of stealing a mare and sentenced to be whipt, pillored, and to have his ears cut off and nailed to the pillory, &c., was read, praying remission of the said punishment.

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

A petition from Joseph Rogers and James Fitzgerald, convicted of an assault and battery, was read, praying remission of their fines; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. David Davis, for the sum of fifteen pounds, State money, in full of his account as one of the Commissioners for purchasing cattle in the county of Berks, for the use of the army, agreeable to the act of Assembly passed the first day of June last.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies of provisions for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

The Honourable John Van Campen presented to the Council his account for his attendance in Council, which is as follows, viz't:

The State of Pensylvania to John Van Campen,	Dr.
For attendance in Council from the fourth of November to the fourth of December, 1780, thirty days, at £50 per day, £1,500, Continental money, equal to,	£20 00 0
From the thirteenth of January to the fifteenth of March, 1781, 62 days, at 25 s., - - - -	77 10 0
Mileage on ninety miles, coming to Philad'a and returning home, 180 miles, at 1s., - - -	9 00 0
	£106 10 0

And thereupon,

An order was drawn in favour of Honourable John Van Campen, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and six pounds ten shillings, State money, agreeable to the said account.

The Council taking into consideration the defence of the frontiers, untill the four companies ordered by the General Assembly can be raised,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland be authorized and required to call out two classes of the militia of the county of Cumberland, of which militia one hundred men shall be immediately marched to the defence of the county of Bedford, and

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one hundred men marched to the defence of the county of Northumberland, to be stationed by the Lieutenants of the counties of Bedford and Northumberland, in such places as they respectively shall judge most proper. And if the said two classes shall not amount to two hundred men, that then the said Lieutenant be authorized and required to call out one other class of militia for the said purpose, in addition to the two classes aforesaid.

That the Commissioners of Purchase of the said counties of Bedford and Northumberland respectively, be authorized and required to take immediate and effectual measures for supplying the said militia with provisions.

That the Lieutenant of the county of Northampton be authorized and required to call out one class of the militia of the said county, for the defence of the frontiers of that county, to be stationed in such place as the Lieutenant shall judge most proper.

That the Commissioner of Purchases of the said county of Northampton be authorized and required to take immediate and effectual measures for supplying the said militia with provisions.

That the Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland be authorized to raise a corps of volunteers to serve for four months, for the defence of the said county, to be stationed in such place as he shall judge most proper. To consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Ensign, three Sergeants, three Corporals, and forty-five privates; that their pay be as follows, vizt:

Captain, fifteen pounds; Lieutenant, eleven pounds five shillings; Ensign, nine pounds; Sergeant, five p'ds; Corporal, four pounds fifteen shillings; and privates, four pounds ten shillings, per month.

That the said corps be entitled to receive rations as allowed the Continental troops.

That the Commissioner of Purchases of the said county of Westmoreland, be authorized and required to take immediate and effectual measures for supplying the said volunteer corps with provisions.

Petition of Bernard Hubley, praying an appointment in the staff, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Congress having resolved that the convention prisoners be stationed within State,

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Atlee be requested to give directions to the Barrack Master to have the necessary repairs made in the Barracks at Lancaster, so as to accommodate about twelve hundred men, and report the expence thereof to the Council; that if there is no acting Barrack Master, Mr. Atlee be requested to appoint one, and report the same to the Board.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster be authorized and required to call into service two classes of militia of the said county, for the purpose of guarding the prisoners.

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That the Commissioner of Purchases of the said county of Lancaster be authorized and required to take immediate and effectual measures for supplying the said militia with provisions,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of York be authorized and required to call into service two classes of the militia of the said county, for the purpose of guarding the Convention prisoners, to be stationed in the said county.

That the Commissioner of Purchases of the said county of York, be authorized and required to take immediate and effectual measures for supplying the said militia with provisions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Evans, Esquire, of the county of Chester, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, to be by him paid to James Moore, Esquire, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits in the said county, for which the said James Moore is to account.

Mr. Cunningham and General Potter, appointed a committee to confer with the Representatives of the county of York, on the subject of the reception of the Convention troops.

A committee of the Honourable House of Assembly attended in Council, in conference upon the subject of the Convention prisoners being removed into this State; when it was agreed, that many and great inconveniences would attend the removing so great a number of prisoners.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing a Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Lancaster, Paul Zantzinger and John Miller being nominated, they proceeded to vote by ballot, and the ballots being taken, there appeared to be a majority in favour of John Miller; and thereupon,

Resolved, That John Miller be appointed a Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Lancaster, in the room of Christian Wirtz, superceeded.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases

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in the several counties, for the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, State money, for purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Jonas Philips, conveying a certain two story brick messuage or tenement and lott or piece of ground, situate on the south side of Sassafrass street, between Front and Second streets, in the city of Philadelphia aforesaid, containing in breadth fourteen feet ten inches, and in length or depth about fifty-one feet; bounded eastward by another messuage and lott late of John Parrock; southward by a three feet wide alley, running eastward; westward by an four feet wide alley, running southward from the said Sassafrass street; and northward by Sassafrass street; seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, to the said Jonas Philips, for the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred and fifty pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of eight bushels and three-fortieth parts of a bushel of good Merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourth parts of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia. Deed dated the fifteenth day of March instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

Resolved, That General Lacey and Colonel Piper be a committee to procure from Mr. Audibert, at the pay office, an account of monies advanced to the several regiments of the Pensylvania line, from time to time, on account of pay.

Resolutions of the General Assembly of the thirteenth and fourteenth instant, were receiv'd and read, one of them directing that the Supreme Executive Council prosecute the claims of this State to the Island in the river Delaware called Hogg Island, as part of the estate of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor; one other for allowing the sum of twenty shillings per diem to each of the Comissioners for extending Mason and Dixon's line, &c., during the time of their being employed therein, exclusive of all necessary contingent expenses, which will be paid by the State; and the other ap-

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pointing a committee, to wit:—Mr. Laury, Mr. Moses M'Clean and Mr. Smyser, to confer with the Supreme Executive on the subject of the letter from Council, respecting the Convention prisoners.

Petitions from Ann Sheepshanks, Dorothy Cook, and Mary Turner, praying passes to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That passes be granted them, on condition that they do not return again.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Saturday, March 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed officers of the volunteer company to be raised in the county of Westmoreland for the defence of the said county, to wit: John Sherer, Captain; Isaac Andrews, Lieutenant; and John Gibson, Ensign.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring cloathing for the army, for which he is to account.

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Hon'ble James Potter, Esquire, or his order, three hundred pounds of gun-powder, and two hundred pounds of lead, to be forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the execution of the sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions upon John Rooken, for horse stealing, be respited untill the further order of this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, on account of his pay as a delegate of this State in Congress, for which he is to account.

Agreed that the delegates of the State in Congress, be requested, when they apply for their pay, to state an account of their atten-

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dance in Congress from time to time, when they apply for orders on the Treasurer, agreeable to the practice of the members of this Board, and all other officers of the State on a daily pay.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

A petition from Mary Briant, convicted of larceny, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay two several fines to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fines; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, by the said Mary Briant, be remitted, on condition that she leave this State immediately, and not return again on pain of being re-committed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of three thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring cloathing for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, for the sum of three pounds seven shillings and six pence, State money, being a fee paid by him to George North, Esquire, on the trial of John McCallister, on a charge of fraud, instituted against him by request of Congress. The same to be charged to the United States of America.

A letter from a field officer of the Jersy Brigade, giving information of one Bamper as a person of suspected character, and probably now in the employ of the enemy, and that he is accompanied by one Freeland, also under suspicious circumstances, was laid before the Board; and the said persons being now apprehended and attending,

Resolved, That as the extraordinary powers of this Board for apprehending and confining suspected persons have ceased, and have not been renewed, these persons be remitted to the Chief Justice of the State, to be dealt with according to law, and that the letters relating to said business be also forwarded for his consideration.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, March 20th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of this day was read, appointing a committee, to wit: Mr. Lowry, and Mr. Mitchell, to wait upon the President and Council, and obtain from them information of the number of recruits that have been procured under the act to compleate the quota of the Fœderal army, assigned to this State, and by voluntary inlistments.

Captain Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, laid before the Council a valuation of two pieces of ordnance belonging to the State, purchased by the owners of the privateer ship called the Rising Sun, estimated at seventy pounds, State money; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Captain Stiles be authorised and directed to receive the said seventy pounds, and pay the same to the Treasurer of the State.

A petition of John Mitchell and Samuel Montgomery Browne, of the Island of St. Eustatia, praying a flagg to that Island, was read; and on consideration, the Board are of opinion that the granting of flaggs is within the jurisdiction of Congress.

A petition of John Jones, of the county of Bucks, convicted of larceny in the said county, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay a fine to the use of the State, of seven hundred and fifty pounds, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The Honourable John Piper, Esquire, presented to the Council an account for his attendance in Council, as follows:

Dr. The State of Pensylvania in account with John Piper.

To 151 days attendance in Council at 25s. per day,	£188
To mileage, to and from Philadel'a, 400 miles, at 1s. per mile,	20
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Cr. By cash at sundry times, - - - - - -	115
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And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of ninety-three pounds, State money, ballance of his account for his attendance in Council as a member of this Board, to the nineteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of sixty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account,

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to make a compleat return of all cloathing delivered for the use of the Pensylvania line, from the first day of January, 1780, to the present time, and forward the same to this Board.

The following proclamation being read and considered, viz:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The following named persons, late and heretofore inhabitants of this State, that is to say: Jonathan Adams, snuffmaker, and Susanna his wife, now or late of the township of Germantown, now or late of the county of Philadelphia; and Joseph Paxon, yeoman, now or late of the township of Middletown; John Read, now or late a military officer in the British service, now or late of the township of Tinicum; and Samuel Harvey, yeoman, now or late of the township of Upper Wakefield, all now or late of the county of Bucks; and Richard Buffington, the elder, yeoman, now or late of the township of East Bradford; Henry Gordon, now or late a military officer in the British service, now or late of the township Kennett; and Stephen Anderson and Benjamin Fincher, yeoman, now or late of the township of New Garden, all now or late of the county of Chester; and Christain Vought, apothecary, now or late of the borough of Lancaster; and Nicholas Houssecker, yeoman, now or late of the township of Lebanon, both now or late of the county of Lancaster; and Martin Blackford, yeoman, now or late of township of Warrington, now or late of the county of York; and Samuel Lindsay, yeoman, now or late of the township of Guilford, now or late of the county of Cumberland; and Thomas Hughes, yeoman, now or late of the township of Augusta, now or late of the county of Northumberland; and Alexander Ross, yeoman, nor or late of the township of Pitt, now or late of the county of Westmoreland; have severally adhered to, and knowingly and willingly aided and assisted the enemies of this State and of the United

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States of America, by having joined their armies within this State, or elsewhere.

We, the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers and authorities to us given by an act of General Assembly, intitled "An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawfull debts and claims thereupon," do hereby strictly charge and require the said Jonathan Adams and Susanna his wife, Joseph Paxton, Samuel Harvey, Richard Buffington, the elder, Stephen Anderson, Benjamin Fincher, Christian Vought, Nicholas Houssecker, Martin Blackford, Samuel Lindsay, Thomas Hughes, and Alexander Ross, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the counties within this State, on or before Thursday the tenth day of May next ensuing; and also abide their legal trial for such their treasons.

And we do in like manner require the said John Reed and Henry Gordon, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices aforesaid, on or before Thursday the first day of November next ensuing, and also abide their legal trial for such their treasons, on pain that every of them, the said Jonathan Adams and Susanna his wife, Joseph Paxton, John Reid, Samuel Harvey, Richard Buffington, the elder, Henry Gordon, Stephen Anderson, Benjamin Fincher, Christian Vought, Nicholas Houssecker, Martin Blackford, Samuel Lindsay, Thomas Hughes, and Alexander Ross, not rendering himself as aforesaid, and abiding the trial aforesaid, shall, from and after the said tenth day of May and first day of November, respectively, stand and be attainted of high treason, to all intents and purposes, and shall suffer such pains and penalties, and undergo all such forfietures, as persons attainted of high treason ought to do. And all the faithfull subjects of this State are to take notice of this proclamation, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—T'Y MATLACK, *Sec'ry.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, March 21st, 1781

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Armstrong, for the sum of thirteen pounds four shillings, State money, for paying the men employed at Mud Island and purchasing provisions.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Thomas Smith, for ninety pounds ten shillings, State money, in full of his pay and milage to this day, as a member of Congress for this State.

The gentlemen appointed to lay out a road from Darby road to the middle ferry, made a return of the said road, and the same was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to proceed in the execution of the sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions upon John Rookin, for horse stealing, on Saturday next, at the hour mentioned in the said sentence.

A return of an election for Justices for the township of Montgomery, in the county of Cumberland, was read, by which it appears that James Maxwell and James Cross were duly elected Justices for the said township: On consideration,

Resolved, That James Maxwell, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The following message being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—The tenant of the State Island having resigned his lease, it is the opinion of this Board that it will conduce greatly to the support of the publick credit to divide it into small lotts, and dispose of them at publick auction, pursuant to the law entitled "An Act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pound in bills of credit, for the present support of the army, and for establishing a fund for the certain redemption of the same, and for other pur-

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poses therein mentioned." The powers of the Council are by law sufficient for that purpose, but if the House have any objections to the measure, we are not inclined to precipitate it. A proportion of the city lotts was also sett off and sold for the same purpose, the purchasers being vested with an absolute title, and any future claimant of a particular lott referred to location elsewhere, we are of opinion it wou'd also have a good effect on the declining credit of our paper, and contribute to the support of future emissions.

Colonel Morgan has made a communication to us which we think proper to lay before you; our experience of coercive methods of supply has made them as disagreeable to us as they are odious to the country, nor can we think of adopting them in any necessity, but under the special sanction of a law for that purpose.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, March 21st, 1781.

Ordered, That the said message be presented to the Honourable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Captain John Eve, conveying a certain messuage or tenement, powder mill and plantation, or two tracts of land, situate on Frankford Creek, in the township of Oxford, in the county of Philadelphia, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at Frankford creek; thence extending by land of —— —— south forty-six degrees east twenty-two perches and eight-tenths of a perch; thence by Frankford lotts north thirty-nine degrees thirty minutes east two hundred and seventeen perches; thence by land of Thomas Peart, north forty-nine degrees west one hundred and sixty-two perches; thence north forty degrees west one hundred and seventy-nine perches; and thence down the several courses of the said creek to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and two acres, be the same more or less; and the other of the said tracts (being a small piece of ground contiguous to the above described tract) beginning by the side of Frankford creek, aforesaid; thence extending by land late of William Ashbridge, deceased, south twenty-eight degrees west eight perches to a hickory sapling; thence extending by land of Robert Harper, north fifty three degrees west sixteen perches to a white oak by the side of Frankford creek, aforesaid; thence up the said creek the several courses thereof to the place of beginning; containing sixty-eight acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold as the estate late of Oswald Eves, an attainted traytor, to the said Captain John Eves, for the sum of one hundred and eight thousand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of fifty-four bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University, three-fourth parts of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth part being

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reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-first day of March instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Lang, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and lott of ground situate on the north side of High street, between Fifth and Sixth, in the said city; containing in breadth east and west eighteen feet, and in depth north and south, one hundred and ten feet, bounded eastward by a messuage and lott of Charles Chamberlaine; northward by ground in tenure of Abraham Peters; westward by ground of Benjamin Sweet and wife; and southward by High street, aforesaid; and also a yearly rent charge amounting to fourteen Spanish silver milled pieces of eight, or dollars and one-half of a dollar per annum, issuing out of a lott of ground in tenure of Abraham Peters, adjoining the north end of the above described lott, (whereof it was formerly a part,) and which lott Henry Welfling and Margaret his wife, by indenture bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April, 1765, granted unto the said Abraham Peters, subject unto the said yearly rent charge: Seized and sold as the estate late of Henry Welfling, an attainted traytor, to Captain James Lang, for the sum of sixteen thousand nine hundred pounds, Continental money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of Agents for Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia. Deed dated the twenty-first day of March, Anno Domini 1781.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 22nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the twenty-first instant, was read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the nineteenth instant, recommending to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, to forward the march of their line, in detachments, with all possible expedition, to join the southern army:

Ordered, That they be filed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Jonathan Paschall, for the sum of thirty-three pounds nine shillings, State money, ballance of his account for five cattle delivered to Algernon Roberts, Commissioner for purchasing cattle for the use of the army, agreeable to act of Assembly past the first day of June last.

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Petition from Alice Brothers, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted her, on condition that she do not return again.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 23d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hayes.

WHEREAS, By the instructions of this Board dated the second day of January last, the several Commissioners of Taxes were directed to cause reports of their proceedings on the law entitled "An Act to compleat the quota of the Fœderal army assigned to this State," to be made to the Council on or before the first day of April next.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners be informed that a strict and punctual compliance is expected to the said instructions, and that the several Justices of the Peace, Lieutenants, and Sub-Lieutenants, who have been employed in the execution of said law, do forthwith make return to the Commissioners, and deliver the several recruits by them engaged, to the commanding officer at the several places of rendezvous of the Pensylvania line, taking receipts from such officer for every such recruit, which are also to be forwarded to this Board, with the duplicates of the inlistments.

Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia, attended in Council and presented to the Board twenty-three inlistments, duplicates of which have been forwarded to the commanding officers of regiments, at the several places of rendezvous.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Francis Baily, for the sum of two hundred and seventy-five pounds five shillings, State money, amount of his account for printing for the Council to the twentieth instant.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this State, by a law passed the twenty-fifth day of March, 1780, entitled "An Act for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, for the present support of the army, and for establishing a fund for the certain redemption of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned," did authorize and empower the President, in Council, to expose to sale the tract of land belonging to this Commonwealth,

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in the township of Kingsessing, and county of Philadelphia, commonly called the Province or State Island, for the purpose of an honourable and just redemption of the said one hundred thousand pounds, or so much thereof as the sale of the said lands shall produce; wherefore,

Resolved, That the present trustees of the said island, or any two of them, be authorized and requested to cause the same to be divided into suitable lotts so as to accommodate purchasers; and after giving publick notice of the time and place of sale, proceed to the sale of said island at publick auction; and that in the payment of said lotts, the bills of credit usually called State money, issued the twenty-fifth of March, 1780, or Spanish milled dollars, or an equal sum of gold or silver, and no other money whatever, be received in payment; such gold or silver, if receiv'd, to be applied to redeem so much of the bills of creditt before mentioned: And the said trustees, in all cases, reserving so much of said Island appurtenant to the pest houses, as they shall think necessary for public use, not exceeding twelve acres; a plott of said island and the division thereof, to be prepared and laid before the Council as soon as possible, and the time of sale not to exceed the tenth day of May next.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the twenty-first of March instant, was receiv'd and read, appointing a committee.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, of the twenty-first instant, was read, inclosing a proclamation of the United States in Congress assembled, earnestly recommending that Thursday, the third day of May next, be set apart and observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and that all persons assemble for publick worship, and abstain from labour on the said day.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Thomas Rowney, of the township of Warminster, in the county of Bucks, weaver, conveying one full equal and undivided fifth part (the whole into five equal parts to be divided) of a plantation or tract of land situate in the township of Horsham, in the county aforesaid, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone by the side of Horsham Road, at the corner of Charles Mullen's land; thence extending by the same south forty-two degrees and twenty minutes west eighty-one perches and two-tenths of a perch to a stone, a corner of land now or late of John Williams; thence by the same south forty-seven degrees twenty minutes east fifteen perches to a stone, a corner; thence still by the said John Williams' land north forty-nine degrees and twenty minutes east eighty-two perches and four-tenths of a perch to a stone by the side of Horsham road aforesaid; thence along the same north forty-seven degrees and fifty minutes west twenty-five perches to the place of beginning; containing ten acres and twenty-six perches,

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be the same more or less: Seized and sold as the estate late of Daniel Williams, according to law, for the sum of one thousand and ten pounds, Continental money, which sum the said Thomas Rowney hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-first day of March instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 24th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Hayes.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the twenty-first instant was read, appointing Mr. Duncan, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Daniel Hiester, a committee to obtain from the Supreme Executive Council the accounts or copies of the accounts of the Lieutenants of the city and several counties of this State, which have been rendered to them agreeable to law, and likewise a list of the names of such Lieutenants, if any, who have neglected to furnish the said Council with the accounts of all monies receiv'd and expended by them respectively, by virtue of the acts for the regulation of the militia of this State.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Owen Faries, of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia, conveying a tract or piece of land situate in Hatfield township, in the said county, beginning at a stake, a corner of Melchiors Yeder's land; thence by Thomas Stilbford's land south forty-two degrees east seventy-two perches to a stake; thence by Abijah Wright's land south forty-one degrees and three-quarters west one hundred and twelve perches to a stone; thence by John Yegle's land north forty-eight degrees west seventy-two perches to a stone; thence by Melchiors Yeder's north forty-one degrees and three-quarters east one hundred and twelve perches to the place of beginning; containing fifty acres: Seized and sold agreeable to law as the estate late of John Wright, for the sum of five thousand one hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of two bushels and eleven-twentieth part of a bushell of wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county, the other fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-first day of December last.

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A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Vansant, conveying a certain tract or piece of land situate in the Manor of Moreland, in the county of Philadelphia, and according to the original bounds and survey thereof, as follows, viz: Beginning at a corner of Albertson Walton's land, in the middle of a road leading from Philadelphia to Newton; thence extending along the middle of a road leading from Byberry to Abington, and by lands of John Blackford, Derrick Krewson, north-west thirty-six perches and three-quarters of a perch to a corner; thence by the school land north-east nine perches to a stone, and north-west seventeen perches and eight-tenths of a perch to a stone, and south-west nine perches to a stone in the middle of the said road, leading to Abington; thence along the same by William Tyllyer's land north-west ten perches and a half to a corner of land late of Thomas Whitton, now belonging to Robert Whitton; thence by the same north east one hundred and twenty-three perches to the middle division line of the Manor of Moreland; thence along the same by Samuel Swift's land, south-east one hundred perches to a corner of said Albertson Walton's land; thence by the same south-west ten perches and a half to a stone, and north-west seventy-eight perches and three-quarters of a perch to a corner in the middle of the aforesaid road leading to Newtown; thence down the said road by the said Walton's land south eighteen degrees and a half west one hundred and nineteen perches to the place of beginning; containing thirty-three acres and a half, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Burke, for the sum of six thousand one hundred pounds, Continental money, (subject to a yearly ground rent payable to the Trustees of University of this State, of three bushells and one-twentieth part of a bushell of good merchantable wheat,) three-fourths of which sum the said James Vansant hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-first day of March instant.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, March 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Hayes.

A petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Philadelphia, in behalf of Joseph Rogers, now confined in the old goal, convicted of an assault and battery, and fined in the sum of forty shillings, to be paid to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fine. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

A petition from John Reine, of Lancaster county, attainted of high treason, and praying a pardon, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That untill the said John Reine surrender himself, agreeable to proclamation, and the laws of the State, this Board cannot go into a consideration of his case.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, and a resolution of the Honourable the Congress, calling upon the States from New Hampshire to North Carolina, inclusive, for six millions of dollars, were read; and

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly.

The petition of Mary Emmes, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday March 27th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

Resolved, That General St. Clair, Commanding Officer of the Pensylvania line, be requested to order a court martial for the trial

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of Lieutenant Bigham, of the fifth Pensylvania regiment, on a charge against him of misapplying publick money intrusted to his care, to pay the bounty to the recruits, last summer, and that Colonel Nichola be requested to attend the court to inform them of the circumstances of the transaction.

Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, laid before this Board a state of his accounts, agreeable to the nineteeth section of the militia law of this State; thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

An order was drawn in favour of Mr. Thomas Bradford, for the sum of fifteen pounds, State money, amount of his account for newspapers to the thirty-first of December, 1780.

A letter from Colonel Daniel Udree of the nineteenth instant, resigning his office of sub-Lieutenant of the county of Berks, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

Ordered, That the issues of cloathing in future be general, that the respective regiments be equally supplied, both in quantity and quality, and that Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed not to deliver any cloathing but on the order of Council in writing.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings and eight pence, State money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Captains Woelpper, Riely, McGowan, and McIlhatton, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Pugh, Boss, and McClean, in lieu of their rations and refreshments to the eleventh instant.

The following message being read & considered, vizt:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—The Council having exercised the powers vested in them by the laws of the Commonwealth, with respect to sundry persons who have withdrawn themselves from the troubles of the country, and reside with the enemy, we observe sundry petitions on those subjects, defending, and resolutions calculated to rescind the the determinations of this Board. We have no desire to intercept the kindness and liberality of the House to petitioners of any character, but apprehend that the introducing special and particular laws to repeal the acts of the Executive branches of Government, without any conference with, or information from the Board, of the reasons and ground of their proceedings, must necessarily lessen the weight of the Council, and disturb the harmony of Government: And these considerations are the more weighty, from a just apprehension that this mode of conducting public business will eventually injure the real interests of the State, as the House must

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always act upon partial, and, therefore, often erroneous ground. If the laws on this subject are too severe, and persons of real or supposed disaffection to the cause of America are liable to penalties and prosecutions, inconsistent with the good of the State and the general safety, or if the powers of the Council are too extensive, we apprehend it wou'd be better to repeal the laws openly and explicitly; we shall then be discharged from a painfull duty which is now frequently imposed, never sought by us; but the publick agents and well affected inhabitants, frequently returning to us persons as objects of the law, which we are by our oaths and duty bound to execute.

If the other business of the House will admit their devoting time sufficient for conference on this subject, and upon our present situation in regard to suspected persons, we apprehend it will be attended with mutual satisfaction and publick advantage.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable the House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Gardner,

A state of accounts from Colonel Samuel Read, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, were laid before the Board, agreeable to the nineteenth section of the militia law of this State; thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

An application from Samuel Jackson, for a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted him, on condition that he do not return during the present war, without the special permission of this Board.

The following message being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—In answer to your message respecting the Lieutenants and sub-Lieutenants of the militia, we wou'd observe, that un-

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till the late act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the militia of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania," these officers were appointed by the House of Assembly, and solely accountable to them, or the Auditors, also of their own immediate appointment, and who certainly are and have been long vested with sufficient power to enforce a settlement with them, and other publick defaulters, if any such there are. We presume, therefore, that these accounts are not included in the resolution of the twenty-sixth instant.

Since the power of calling for these accounts has been vested in the Council, we have not been inattentive to the duty, having both publickly and privately called upon them to render their accounts. The Lieutenants who have complied, are those of Philadelphia city and county, Bucks and Northampton. Those of the counties of Bedford, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, from their particular circumstances, can have no accounts under the present militia law, and several of the others have informed the Board that they they are preparing their accounts, and will render them without delay; shou'd they neglect, we shall not hesitate to put the laws in force against them.

We do not apprehend it to have been the intention of the Legislature, that the Council should audit the accounts, and therefore, when rendered, have directed the Lieuten'ts to attend the Auditors for settlement.

They are too bulky and voluminous to be copied under some weeks, therefore, we forward you the originals of such as have come to hand.

Though the Lieutenants and the Sub-Lieutenants are the only officers in the State over whom the laws have given power to the Council in matter of accounts, and the year since the law is but just expired, we are not inattentive to the laudable zeal of the House in reminding the Council of the duties required of them by law. We flatter ourselves it is an earnest of general inquiry, and that the Collectors of Excise tonnage and duties on negroes, and a great variety of others who have been interested with public monies, and who are accountable to the Assembly only, tho' much longer in arrears than the present Lieutenants, will, in future, partake of the notice of the House, so that each branch of Government, in its respective capacity, may be equally emulous to forward and promote a speedy and accurate adjustment of the publick accounts.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, March 28th, 1781.

A petition from divers inhabitants of Penn, Towamensing, and Chesnut Hill townships, in the county of Northampton, respecting the defence of the frontiers of the said county, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, March 29th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring provisions for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major Jeremiah Tolbert, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, to be by him forwarded to John Agnew, Esquire, of Carlisle, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits, and the gratuity voted by the Assembly to the retained soldiers, for which sum he, the said John Agnew, is to account.

A committee of the Honourable House attending, informed the Council that the House had agreed to a conference with the Council on the subject of their message of the twenty-seventh instant; and thereupon, the Council met the General Assembly in the Assembly room on the said business.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, March 30th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-five pounds sixteen shillings, to be by him forwarded to Thomas Jordan, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northumberland, for the purpose of paying a ballance of money due to Captain Gilbert McCoy's company of seven month's men, lately raised for the defence of the frontiers.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 31st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hayes.

The Honourable James Potter, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, and his milage, viz:

Dr. the State of Pensylvania to James Potter,

For attendance in Council, 145 days, at 25s. per day,	£181 5
Milage, 170 miles, at 2s., - - - - -	17
	198 5
Cr. by an order on the Treasurer, - -	73 2 6
	£125 2 6

And thereupon, an order was drawn in favour of Honourable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds two shillings and six pence, State money, in full of the said account for his wages & milage to this day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of three hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of making up cloathing for the use of the Troops of the Pensylvania line, for which sum he is to be accountable.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia be directed to run a line of partition between the part of Hogg Island belonging to the State, and the part sold to Messrs. Mease, Caldwell and Company, agreeable to the terms of sale.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of counties of Northumberland and Bedford be authorised and directed to inlist in their companies, commanded by Captains Robinson and Boyd, and Lieutenant Kreamer, as many volunteers, to serve for seven months, as will fill their companies; provided, they cannot compleat the same by men inlisted to serve during the war; the said volunteers not to receive any bounty, but to have the same pay and rations as the militia.

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Resolved, That Peter Groves be appointed and commissioned to be Lieutenant, for the term of seven months, and that he be entitled to receive the same pay and rations as a Lieutenant of the militia.

Resolved, That John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchases for the city of Philadelphia, be directed to purchase barrells of beef, to be transported to Middletown, for the use of the troops on the frontiers, and that Colonel Samuel Miles, Deputy Quarter Master General, be desired to furnish waggons to transport the same.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties do pay the reasonable charges of the persons employed by the Justices last fall, in collecting grain in the several counties, the value of such service being examined by the said Justices, or any two of them, and an order, therefore, given to the Commissioner.

A resolution of the Hon'be House of Assembly of the thirty-first instant, appointing Mr. Robert Morris, Mr. John Harris, and Mr. Mark Burd, a Committee to confer with the Supreme Executive Council, on the propriety of issuing letters of recal to the agent sent abroad to negociate a loan, and vesting the monies arising from the impost on goods, granted by an act passed the twenty-third of December last, in bills of exchange, was read; and thereupon, a conference was had on the said business.

An application in behalf of John McMaster, of the county of York, was read; setting forth that he hath purchased, at a vendue of confiscated estates, a tract of land in the said county, late the estate of James Rankin; that Philip Hare, Samuel Flide, and Rebecca McAdam, are in possession of the premisses, and refuse to deliver them up; whereupon, he hath prayed the aid of this Board to cause possession to be given him, agreeable to the act of Assembly; and the said act being considered,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the county of York do give possession of the said premisses to him the said John M'Master, in due form of law, he paying the incident expenses.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 2nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Potter,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases

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in the several counties, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring provisions for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

The Board taking into consideration the cases of John Jones, committed on a charge of stealing an old gun; William Leslie, for an assault and battery on Ann Starley; and Sergeant Speer and Connell, for an assault and battery; all soldiers of the Continental,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a Nole Prosequi, with respect to the above prisoners.

The Board taking into consideration the case of William Hamilton, Esquire,

Resolved, That William Hamilton be permitted to remain in this State, any former order of this Board to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Council taking into consideration the act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth instant, entitled "An Act for erecting part of the county of Westmoreland into a special county," called by the name of Washington,

Resolved, That Thomas Scott, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Prothonotary of the said county of Washington.

Resolved, That James Marshall, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Lieutenant of the county of Washington; and that John Cannon and Daniel Lite, be appointed and commissioned to be Sub-Lieutenant of the said county.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 3d, 1781.

PRESENT:

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Read, and
Mr. Hayes.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, April 4th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings, State

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money, amount of his account for his wages as Door-keeper, from the first to the thirty-first of March, 1781, inclusive, at fifteen shillings per day.

The following resolutions of the Honourable House of Assembly were receiv'd and read, vizt:

One of the second instant, authorizing and directing the Supreme Executive Council to have such parts of the steeple of the State House as are constructed of wood and in a decayed and dangerous condition, taken down, and the remainder sufficiently and effectually covered, in such manner as may be necessary for the preservation of said building, and also to dispose of for the highest price, all or such parts of the material so taken down as they shall judge proper.

And the other of the third instant, appointing James Marshall, Esquire, to be Register for the Probate of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Washington.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

The Honourable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pensylvania to John Lacey, Junior.

For his attendance in Council from the first of April, 1780, to the 30th May following, 60 days, at £16 per day, is £960. Continental exchange, at £75 is, - - - - - -	£12	16
Of State money.		
For his attendance from the 30th May to 10th August, 1780, 72 days, at £25 per day, - - - -	90	
For his attendance from the 10th of Sept. to the 17th January, 1781, 430 days, at 25s per - - - -	162	10
For his attendance from the first to the sixth of February, 1781, 6 days, at 25s, - - - - - -	7	10
For his attendance from the first of March to the first of April, 1781, 30 days, at 25s - - - - -	37	10
To mileage, to and from home, three times 27 miles, at 2s per mile, - - - - - - - - - -	8	2
	318	8

Cr. By cash received from David Rittenhouse, Esquire, by order of Council at different times, in Continental, £5387 10.			
Exchange at 75, is - - - -	£71	16	8
By cash rec'd at sundry times of Do., -	80		
		151	16 8
	£166	11	4

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-

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six pounds eleven shillings and four pence, State money, ballance of his account for his attendance in Council to the first instant, and his mileage.

A letter from his Excelleney the President of Congress, of the thirtieth of March last, was read, inclosing an ordinance of the Honourable the Congress of the United States, relative to the Capture and condemnation of prizes, and repealing all former acts and resolutions of Congress contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said ordinance.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

James Marshall, Esquire, appointed by the Honourable House of Assembly to be Register for the probate of Wills, and granting letters of administration, and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Washington, and by this Board, to be Lieutenant of the said county, attended in Council, and took the several oaths necessary to qualify him for the said offices respectively.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Reed,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Andrew, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-seven pounds two shillings and six pence, State money, in full of his account for his services as one of the commissioners for procuring cloathing for the use of the Army in the year 1778, in the county of Northampton.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Robert Latimer, Esquire, for the sum of eleven pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, State money, in full of his account as one of the commissioners aforesaid.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to prosecute Lieutenant John Bigham, of the fifth Pennsylvania regiment, in the name of the Commonwealth, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars receiv'd by him on the part of the Commonwealth, and that he take bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars Continental money.

A Committee of the General Assembly attended in Council and conferred upon the means of defence for the frontiers, and Council

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referred them to the minutes of the House and the message from Council on that subject.

The petition of John Poht, Ensign in the first Battalion of the city of Philadelphia, praying leave to resign his commission, was read, and on consideration, the s'd resignation was accepted.

On consideration,

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be directed to forward an order to the Treasurer of the county of York, in favour of Archibald McClean, Esquire, of the said county, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits, and the gratuity allowed by the Assembly to the retained soldiers.

General St. Clair, commanding officer of the Pensylvania line, having certified that the following gentlemen are intitled to promotion in the first Pensylvania regiment, vizt:

Ensign James Campbell, to be a Lieutenant from the eighteenth day of July, 1780.

John Rodgers to be Surgeon from the first of October, 1779.

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Honourable Board of War for commissions.

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Captain David Zeigler the cloathing he has now on hand, for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line, taking his receipt for the same.

WHEREAS, By an act of the General Assembly passed the twenty-third day of December last, the Supreme Executive Council are impowered and required, from and after the first day of February last, to publish in the several English and German newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, in the first week in every month, the rate of exchange between specie and Continental money, which exchange so published in each month, the said act declares shall be the exchange between the said Continental money and the State money, thereby made legal tender:

Resolved, That the said rate of exchange be continued at seventy-five for one, as by the resolution of the fifth day of March last.

Petitions from John Bates, Christiana Philips, and James Clarke, on behalf of his daughter Jane Boswell, praying passes to the city of New York, were read, and the same were rejected.

A petition from John Smith, convicted of larceny, and now confined in the old goal, praying remission of his fine and to be released from confinement, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That his fine be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, April 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Read,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of five hundred and sixty-two pounds ten shillings, being one quarter's salary.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, April 7th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Read,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-five pounds four shillings and one penny, in full of the ballance of his account for repairing the barracks of this city.

A letter from John Agnew, Esquire, of the county of York, of the twenty-fourth ultimo, was read, inclosing his commission of Sub-Lieutenant of the said county, and praying leave to resign the the same. On consideration,

Resolved, That the same be accepted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable William Moore, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of this day, was received and read, inclosing letters from Governor Livingston, informing that the enemy at New York are about to embark a body of troops, supposed to be destined for Delaware river; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That they be laid before the Honourable House of Assembly.

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The Board taking into consideration the case of Jeremiah Levering, a child of fourteen or fifteen years of age, who has been three years inlisted as a soldier in Colonel Proctor's regiment, but not taught to beat the drum or blow the fife, and being of small stature and weakly habits,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board he shou'd be discharged, and that Colonel Proctor be directed to discharge him accordingly.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of this day, was read, referring to the Supreme Executive Council a petition from divers inhabitants of the county of Berks, representing their exposed and defenceless situation.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham.

A committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, viz: Mr. Delaney, Mr. Winkoop and Mr. Penrose, attended, and requested a conference with the Council respecting the defence of the river Delaware; whereupon, a conference was had, and the raising of two companies, to consist of about seventy men each, was recommended for the above purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of fifty-six pounds twelve shillings, State money, amount of money due to the officers and men of the gallies, for their pay and rations, viz: pay to the first and rations to the seventh instant.

WHEREAS, By an act of General Assembly passed the twenty-third of December last, entitled "An Act to compleat the quota of "the Federal army assigned to this State," certain duties were injoined upon the Commissioners of the city and several counties, and on the neglect or refusal thereof, (except in case of sickness or removal,) such Commissioners shou'd be fined by the Supreme Executive Council of this State, in any sum not exceeding five hundred pounds:

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And whereas, There is reason to believe divers of the said Commissioners have not rendered a punctual compliance with the said law, inasmuch as the said quotas of recruits have not been provided as directed; nor have the monies to be levied on the delinquent classes, been paid into the respective county treasurers as they ought to have been: This Board, therefore, conceiving it to be their indispensable duty to inquire into and remedy delinquencies in points so essential to the welfare of the State,

Resolved, That, unless sufficient cause be shewn to this Board by the delinquent Commissioners on the east side of Susquehanna by the first of May next, and by those on the west side of Susquehanna by the twelfth of May next, and the counties of Bedford, Northumberland and Westmoreland excepted, who are allowed to the first of June, this Board will proceed to levy the penalty as by law directed, without respect to persons.

It appearing to this Board that the following gentlemen are entitled to promotion in the second regiment of the Pensylvania line, viz:

Ensigns Antoine D. Marcellin and George LeRoy, to be Lieutenants from the first day of January last.

Resolved, That they be recommended to the Honourable Board of War for commissions.

The petition of Samuel Carson for cloathing, being considered,

Resolved, That if there was cloathing in the store, which there is not, the Board cannot grant said petition consistent with their former rules and their constant practice, which are to make no issues but such as are general, and that in the present case Mr. Carson, having receiv'd his pay in specie, except the ballance of twenty-two pounds, is in a better situation than the other officers, who receiv'd their pay depreciated, and which their present certificates do not at present compensate.

The account of Samuel Smith and his associates for apprehending John Flanagan, a notorious offender, was laid before the Board, with the certificate from the Honourable Chief Justice; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the said account is properly a county charge, and shou'd be laid before the Commissioners of the counties of Philadelphia and Chester, to whom it is recommended to pay the same, if the charge shall appear justly and reasonably proportioned to the service.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Captain Robert Bethell, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and lott or piece of ground situate on the west side of Front street, between Sassafrass and Mulberry streets in the city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth on Front street, sixteen feet, and extending in depth said breadths one hundred and eighty-eight feet, then widening on the south side thereof fifteen

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feet in breadth to the breadth of thirty-one feet, extending said breadth twenty-seven feet, bounded northward by messuage and lott now or late of Edward Stiles; westward by ground late of William Cliffton, now of Isaac Hazlehurst; southward by a messuage and lett of William Rush; and eastward by Front street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Abraham Carlisle, to the said Captain Robert Bethell, for the sum of twenty thousand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of ten bushells of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfieted Estates in the said county, the remaining one-fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 10th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the managers of the Pensylvania Hospital, for the sum of twenty pounds, State money, amount of their account for boarding three invalids, late belonging to the State navy, to this time.

An order was drawn in favour of Messrs. William Chesney and William Mitchell, Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of York, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, for extraordinary expences in surveying and selling confiscated lands in said county.

On consideration,

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be directed to forward orders to the treasurers of the counties of Chester and Cumberland, in favour of James Moore and John Agnew, Esquires, the former for the sum of five hundred pounds, and the latter for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits, and the gratuity allowed by act of Assembly to the retained soldiers.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of the ninth instant, was read, appointing the following gentlemen officers of the Land office,

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agreeable to the act of Assembly passed the ninth day of this instant, intitled "An act for establishing a Land office, and for "other purposes therein mentioned," vizt:

David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary.
Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General.
John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Read, Doctor Gardner.
Mr. Cunningham, and

The gentlemen appointed officers of the Land office, vizt: David Kennedy, Secretary; Francis Johnston, Receiver General; and John Lukens, Surveyor General, attended in Council, and took the oaths necessary to qualify them respectively for their said offices, agreeable to act of the General Assembly passed the ninth instant, intitled "An Act for establishing a Land office, and for other pur- "poses therein mentioned;" and also proposed the following gentlemen as their sureties:

David Kennedy, Secretary, proposes Colonel Samuel Miles and Mr. Samuel Caldwell.

Francis Johnston, Receiver General, proposes Samuel Penrose and Sharp Delaney.

John Lukens, Surveyor General, proposes Michael Hillegas and David Rittenhouse, Esquires; whereupon, the same were approved.

A petition of Samuel Caldwell, convicted of larceny in the county of Lancaster, and sentenced to be publickly whipt'd and pillored, and to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of twenty-five pounds, was read, praying remission of the said punishment and fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said punishments of the pillory and the said fine, be remitted, and that he be released from confinement, (after receiving the said whipping,) on condition that he inlist as a soldier in the Pensylvania line, to serve during the present war, without bounty or gratuity.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

A letter was written, signed by the Hon'ble the Vice President, to James Titghman, Esquire, late Secretary of the Land office under the late Proprietaries of Pensylvania, demanding the books, papers, documents, &c., of his office, agreeably to the late act of Assembly for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries in the Commonwealth.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Saturday, April 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Read,	

The following resolutions of the Honourable House of Assembly of the ninth and tenth instant, were receiv'd and read, vizt:

One of them authorizing the Supreme Executive Council to draw on the Treasurer of this State for such sums of money as may from time to time be necessary for purchasing paper and carrying on and perfecting the work of re-printing the laws of this State, and the minutes of Assembly, as directed by resolutions of the second instant.

One other, directing that the property of the floating bridge, now lying at the lower ferry on Schuylkill, be vested in George Gray, Esquire, on his paying into the Treasury of this State the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for publick use; and that the said George Gray be authorised and permitted to lay the same over the river Schuylkill at his ferry.

One other, authorizing the Council to draw upon the Treasurer of the State for any sum of money not exceeding twelve thousand pounds, for supporting and paying such a number of the militia of this State as they shall judge necessary for the effectual defence of the frontiers, which drafts the Treasurer is directed to pay out of

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any publick monies that is or may be in his hands not specially appropriated.

One other, authorising and directing the Council to request a conference with a committee of the Honourable the Congress, on the subject of the debts due to the inhabitants of this State, upon Quarter Masters' and Commissioners' certificates, for articles supplied or services done for the Fœderal army, and to take effectual measures to ascertain the amount of all such certificates, and to report the same, if practicable, to this House, at their next sitting.

One other, requesting the Supreme Executive Council to inforce the full execution of the law passed the twenty-third day of December last, intitled "An Act to compleat the quota of the Fœderal "army assigned to this State," so that such recruits as are raised by any of the classes may be joined, with all expedition, to the corps with which they are to serve; and so that the monies collected from the classes which have not supplied men may, without loss of time, be applied to the recruiting service.

That the Council be directed to continue the recruiting parties in this State, under such rules and regulations as they shall find proper and necessary, untill a sufficient number of recruits shall be raised to compleat the quota of the Fœderal army required by Congress from this Commonwealth; that they be impowered to increase the bounties to be paid to recruits at the time of inlistment, if they shall think it proper and necessary so to do; that the monies collected from the classes be deemed part of the funds for carrying on the recruiting service; that the Council be impowered to call upon the parties indebted to the Loan office by mortgage and bonds, for the principal and interest now due, or that may become due during the time necessary to continue the recruiting service; and that the monies receiv'd or recovered from those debtors, be also deemed a part of the funds destined for the said recruiting service.

That the President (or in his absence the Vice President) in Council, be and hereby is impowered to draw on the Treasurer of the State, or the county treasurers, from time to time, for such sums of money as may be necessary to carry on the said recruiting service, and if it shall so happen that monies from the funds assigned as above for this service are not in the hands of the State Treasurer, or county treasurers, they are hereby authorized to pay such drafts out of any other unappropriated monies; the same to be replaced as collected from the aforesaid funds; and that if the expences of the recruiting service exceed the funds assigned to pay the same, the House will, at their next session, provide others to pay the deficiency.

And one other authorising and requiring the President and Supreme Executive Council to procure on the best terms at which the same may be had, and to lodge in the Treasury of this Commonwealth, so much of the paper money as hath been issued by this State, in pursuance of the resolutions of Congress of the eighteenth

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of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and that no more of the said monies be hereafter issued: That the President and Council do in like manner procure of the money issued by other States in pursuance of said resolutions, so much as may now be due, according to the same resolutions, from this Commonwealth to Congress: That the President and Council do in like manner, from time to time, procure of such money, so much as may be due to Congress, for the requisitions by them made in their resolutions of the sixteenth and twenty-third of March last, and cause the same to be paid into the Continental Treasury, at the respective days specified by Congress for that purpose: That if Congress shall prefer receiving the money issued by this Commonwealth, to the money issued by other States, in pursuance of the said resolutions of the eighteenth of March, in such case the President and Council, during the recess of Assembly, shall be, and they hereby are impowered and required to adjust with Congress the sum of State money which shall be equivalent therewith, and to cause the same to be paid: And that his Excellency the President in Council, do from time to time issue his drafts on the Treasury for the several purposes aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be filed.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of the Honourable Joseph Montgomery, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for the State of Pensylvania, for which sum he is to account.

In favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendent of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In favour of James Trimble, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, to be forwarded to Henry Christ, Esquire, of the county of Berks, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits, and the gratuity allowed by Assembly to the retained soldiers, for which the said Henry Christ, Esquire, is to be accountable.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of twenty-six pounds ten shillings and eight pence, State money, amount of money due to Colonel Lewis Nichola, Doctors Maus and Weaver, Captains Woelpper, Riely, McCowan, and McIlhatten, and Lieutenants Honeyman, Pugh, Boss, and McClean, in lieu of their rations and refreshments for four weeks, ending the eighth instant.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the fifteenth instant, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the thirteenth instant, respecting paying of the new levies, was read and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Bee, Mr. Montgomery, and Bland, a committee of Congress, attended in Council, in conference, on the means of expediting the march of the Pensylvania line to the southward.

An order from the Treasury Board on Michael Hillegas, Esquire, Treasurer of the United States of America, in favour of this Council, for the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and two-thirds of a dollar, new emission, "being the amount "of money advanced at sundry times to Colonel Samuel Miles, "Deputy Quarter Master General for Pensylvania, by the said "Council, for the service of his department, for which sum Timo-"thy Pickering, Esquire, Quarter Master General, is to be account-"able, was receiv'd by the Board; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said draft be made payable to David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates do proceed to sell the confiscated estates in the city and several counties of the State, as soon as possible, according to former orders of this Board.

The following resolve of the General Assembly of the seventh instant, being read and considered, vizt:

"In General Assembly, Saturday, 7th of April, 1781.

"The Committee of grievances made a report on divers petitions "referred to their consideration, which was read;

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"*Resolved*, That the part thereof which relates to the petition "of Jane Smith, the wife of Thomas Smith, receiv'd on the twelfth "of March last, be and hereby is agreed to."

"The report is as follows:

"The Committee of Grievances beg leave to report on the peti- "tion of Jane Smith, referred to them, that it appears to your "Committee that certain goods are destrained for the fine therein "mentioned, which are not the property of the said Jane Smith; "they are, therefore, of opinion, that they should be restored to "the true owner, and that the fine for which they were seized "shou'd be remitted.

"*Ordered*, That a copy of the above resolution and report be "transmitted to the Supreme Executive Council.

"Extract from the minutes.

"SAMUEL STERRETT, Clerk."

On consideration,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Council, that if the said goods have been illegally seized or detained, the law affords a remedy thro' the Courts of Justice; and that as the remission of fines is vested with the President and Council, the case does not come within the direction or decision of the Committee of Grievances, and that the Lieutenant do proceed according to law.

A petition from Samuel Potts and David Potts, praying a pass to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, to meet their brother John Potts, who is about to embark for England, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Isaac Hicks, of the county of Bucks, praying permission to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That permission be granted to the said Isaac Hicks and his family, to go into the city of New York, on condition that he do not return again during the present war.

A petition from Daniel Sullivan, convicted of forgery in the county of Lancaster, and sentenced to stand in the pillory for the space of one hour, to pay a fine to the use of the State, of the sum of four thousand five hundred pounds, and to be imprisoned for the term of twelve months, was read, praying remission of the said fine, and to be released from confinement. On consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, on condition that he enlist as a soldier in the Pensylvania line, free of bounty, to serve during the present war.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the tenth instant, was receiv'd and read, containing the report of the committee of the House on the subject of recalling Mr. Searle, &c., and empowering the President and Council to re-call or continue the Honourable James Searle, Esquire, as they shall think most

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consistent with the interests of this Commonwealth, the House fully confiding in their judgment and zeal for the publick service.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of three thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the Army, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, The Honourable Board of War of the United States has made a requisition of a body of militia to guard the prisoners of war ordered to Lancaster, within this State:

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster be directed forthwith to call out the next class in course of duty, out of the three first battalions, in their numerical order, provided the same amount to one hundred and thirty men, exclusive of officers; but if three battalions shall not furnish the above compliment, that the Lieutenant do proceed to the fourth battalion, and so on, untill the above number shall be completed.

Resolved, That the complaint of James Rowan against William McMullen, Esquire, for taking illegal fees, be referred to Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Hayes, who are directed to examine into the same, and report thereon to this Board.

The committee appointed to examine into the complaint of James Rowan against William McMullen, Esquire, reported that they do not find any just cause of complaint.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, April 18, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Read,

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed not to levy any fine upon Frederick Sneider, Doorkeeper to this Board, for not performing his tour of duty on the late call of militia, untill the further orders of this Board.

A petition from Barbara Poulson, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and the same was dismissed.

A petition from Francis Costigan, convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions for the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to be publickly whipp'd, to pay a fine to the use of the State, to restore the goods stolen, or the value thereof, and to pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said fine: On consideration,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that the said Francis Costigan enter on board one of the Continental frigates, to serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Cunningham,

A order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Samuel Miles, Deputy Quarter Master General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of repairing the barracks at Lancaster, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of two hundred and forty pounds, State

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money, for the purpose of paying divers persons employed in making up cloathing for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line, for which he is to account.

The Honourable James Cunningham presented to the Council the account for his attendance at the Board, viz:

The State of Pensylvania To James Cunningham, Dr.		
For attendance in Council from January the 5th to the nineteenth, 1781, inclusive, 105 days, at 25s per -	£131	5
To mileage, 81 miles, at 2s, - - - - -	8	2
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And thereupon, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Cunningham, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine pounds seven shillings, State money, agreeable to the said account.

The Board having, according to rule, order of the day, taken into consideration the complaint of Patrick Hayes and Samuel Patterson against James Bailey, Waggon Master of Lancaster county, referred by the House of Assembly, and the parties attending, were fully heard; sundry certificates and affidavits were also read; and the same being maturely considered,

Resolved, That it was the duty of Messer. the Waggon Master, to have taken the pay-rolls and have settled the pay of the waggons upon his return from the service, which wou'd have prevented farther dispute; but that the Waggon Master having actually paid some of the brigade the sum of four hundred and ninety-eight pounds, part of five hundred and eighteen pounds, and offered to pay the others, which they declined receiving; and farther, that as soon as the true pay-roll came, he wou'd settle the remainder; and it appearing that the money has been since ready, if the complainants wou'd have receiv'd it, but that a demand of depreciation was also made, which this Board is of opinion cannot be justly demanded; the Council are, therefore, unanimously agreed that no criminality appears in Mr. Baily, the Waggon Master, and that the petition shou'd be dismissed.

Resolved, That the Waggon Master be directed to pay off the petitioners, the sum of five hundred and eighteen pounds, as soon as possible.

The following proclamation being read and considered, viz:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Honourable the Congress of the United States of America, by their resolve of the twentieth day of March last, did recommend the following words, viz:

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"At all times it is our duty to acknowledge the overruling providence of the Great Governor of the Universe, and devoutly to implore his Divine favour and protection; but in the hour of calamity and impending danger, when by fire and the sword of the Savages of the wilderness, and by our own domesticks, a vindictive enemy pursues a war of rapine and devastation with unrelenting fury, we are peculiarly excited with true penitence of heart, to prostrate ourselves before our great Creator, and fervently to supplicate His gracious interposition for our deliverance.

"The United States in Congress assembled, therefore, do earnestly recommend that Thursday, the third of May next, may be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, that we may with united hearts confess and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, and by sincere repentance and amendment of life, appease his righteous displeasure, and through the merits of our blessed Saviour, obtain pardon and forgiveness; that it may please Him to inspire our rulers with incorruptible integrity, and to direct and prosper their councils; to inspire all our citizens with a fervent and disinterested love of their country, and to preserve and strengthen their Union; to turn the hearts of the disaffected or to frustrate their devices; to regard with Divine compassion our friends in captivity, affliction and distress; to comfort and relieve them under their sufferings, and to change their mourning into gratefull songs of triumph. That it may please him to bless our ally, and to render the connection formed between these United States and his kingdoms a mutual and lasting benefit to both Nations; to animate our officers and forces by sea and land with invincible fortitude, and to guard and protect them in the day of battle, and to crown our joint endeavours for terminating the calamities of war with victory and success. That the blessings of peace and liberty may be established on an honourable and permanent basis, and transmitted inviolate to the latest posterity. That it may please him to prosper our husbandry and commerce, and to bless us with health and plenty. That it may please him to bless all schools and seminaries of learning, and to grant that truth, justice and benevolence, and pure and undefiled religion, may universally prevail. And it is recommended to all people of these States to assemble for publick worship, and abstain from labour on the said day."

Wherefore, as well in respect of the said recommendation of Congress, as from a due necessity of humbling ourselves before the Great Governor of the Universe, and imploring His protection and support, we do hereby direct and order that the said Wednesday, the third day of May next, be set apart and observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, according to the said resolve; and

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that all persons within this State abstain from servile labour and recreation on the said day.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, Presid't, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Sec'y.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH

An application from Captain Stephen Decatur on behalf of his mother, Precilla Decatur, now in the city of New York, praying permission for her to come from the said city to the city of Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said permission be granted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, April 20th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice Presid't.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.

Ordered That the Secretary do endeavour to call in the books belonging to the State Library, by advertising all persons to bring them in.

WHEREAS, The valuable library belonging to the State has been scattered, by many gentlemen having taken books to their own houses and lodgings which they have neglected to return; and a suitable repositary for the said books being now prepared at the publick charge, it is most earnestly requested that all persons possessed of said books, and which are well known by the words "Assembly of Pensylvania" being stamped on the outside, will send them to the Council Chamber, or by a note, inform the Clerk of the Council where the books are and a Messenger will call for them. As most of the books composing the library are very valuable, and particularly useful to the Council, Assembly, and other publick bodies, it is hoped that after this notice no gentleman will retain them.

Ordered, That Colonel James Marshall, Lieutenant of the county of Washington, be authorised and directed to call out forty men of the militia of that county; or if the militia shall not be organized sufficient for that purpose, to raise the said number of men, for the purpose of escorting and guarding the Commissioners appointed

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to run the line between this State and Virginia during the time they shall be on that service; and that he be authorised to call on the commanding officer at Fort Pitt for amunition for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. Duncan, Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Westmoreland, be authorised and directed to make suitable provision for the Commissioners appointed to run the line between this State and Virginia and their attendants, which will probably, in the whole, amount to about fifty men, during their continuance on that service.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Waggon Masters of the respective counties of this State do make returns on or before the twentieth day of May next, of their proceedings, in consequence of the order of this Board of the twenty-fifth day of July last, and that the checks of the certificates issued by them for horses purchased in pursuance of the said order, be sent to the Secretary on or before the said twentieth day of May.

Ordered, That publick notice be given to all persons possessed of certificates of monies due for horses purchased by the Waggon Masters of the respective counties, for publick service, to bring in the same to the Council for payment after the twentieth day of May next.

Ordered, That Friday next be appointed to take into consideration the return of the proposed road leading from Derby road to the bridge on Scuylkill, and that the same be published, in order that all persons who have objections thereto may make them appear.

Ordered, That such of the Commissioners appointed to purchase cattle, who have not already made returns of their proceedings, do immediately make return thereof, and that the checks of the certificates issued by them for cattle purchased in pursuance of the act of Assembly passed the first day of June last, intitled "An Act "for procuring an immediate supply of provisions for the Fœderal "army in its present exigency," be sent to the Secretary on or before the twentieth day of May next.

Ordered, That publick notice be given to all persons possessed of certificates of monies due for cattle purchased by the Commissioners for purchasing cattle in the respective counties for publick service, to bring in the same to the Council for payment after the twentieth day of May next.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, April 21st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read.
Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to procure eight epaulets and yellow binding sufficient to trim twenty soldiers' coats, and that he deliver the same to Captain David Zeigler, taking his receipt therefor.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Stebenson, for the sum of ten thousand pounds (of the money emitted by act of Assembly for striking five hundred thousand pounds) for the purpose of paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of Pensylvania line going on command, for which the said Stephenson is to account.

The Honourable Joseph Gardner, Esq'r, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance at the Board, vizt:

For his attendance in Council from the 24th of October, 1779, to the 19th of January, 1780, 87 days, at £12 per day, Continental money,	£1,044	
From the 19th of January to the 30th of May, 1780, 132 days, at £16 per day,	2,112	
		3,156
Contra. 1780, February 20th, by cash receiv'd of David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, by an order of Council,	£1,500	
May 20th, by Do.	1,125	
		£2,625
Continental,		531
To ballance due upon the above account		531
Continental exchange, at £75, State money,		£ 7 1 7
To attendance in Council, from the 30th May, 1780, to the 21st of April, 1781, inclusive, 328 days, at 25s per day,		410
State money,		417 1 7
1780, November 6th, by an order on the Treasurer £4,500 Continental money, at £75 exchange, State money,	£ 60	
Decem'r 16th, by Do., State money,	142	
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		£215 1 7

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And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds one shilling and seven pence, State money, ballance of money due to him agreeable to the foregoing account.

A letter from the Honourable Board of War of the twenty-first instant, was read, informing that they have on hand a number of Rampart musquetts, of which they are making a distribution among the States liable to be attacked on the sea-board, and that five hundred are appropriated for Pensylvania, to be charged at the valuation: Thereupon,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to wait upon the Honorable Board of War and receive the said musquetts.

Resolved, That Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, be directed to procure bayonets for the publick arms belonging to the State now at Lancaster, and that he report to the Council the amount of the same, which they will order to be paid.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 23d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

The Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General, for the sum of fifty pounds, State money, in part of his pay as Attorney General of this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of two hundred pounds, State money, for purchasing materials necessary for the purpose of taking down the part of the State House Steeple constructed of wood, agreeable to a resolution of the House of Assembly, for which sum he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the nineteenth instant, was read, inclosing an ordinance for establishing courts for the trial of piracies and felonies committed upon the high seas, passed in conformity to the Articles of Confederation; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said ordinance be sent to the Honourable the Judges of the Supreme Court and Judge of the Admiralty of this State.

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Ordered, That Major William Armstrong be directed to deliver Mr. Thomas Nevill, such blocks, takles and ropes in his possession belonging to the State, as may be necessary for the purpose of taking down the part of the State House Steeple constructed of wood, agreeable to a resolution of the House of Assembly.

The Board taking into consideration the act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend the acts intitled 'An Act for the more effectual supply, and Honourable reward of the Pensylvania Troops in the service of the United States of America,' and the act intitled 'An Act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned;'"

Resolved, That James Stevenson, John Nicholson, William Goforth, Robert Levers, Henry Haller, John Thom, John Beaton, Samuel Boyd, Henry Slagle and Samuel Laird, or any two of them, of whom the said James Stevenson and John Nicholson always to be one, be appointed Commissioners for the payment of the one-third of the depreciation certificates, and for granting new certificates, as directed by the said act.

Resolved, That the said Auditors do correct the mistakes which have been made by granting certificates to officers who had resigned previous to passing the law, or such as have been prisoners, and whose account of monies receiv'd in captivity, have not been settled and ascertained by the Auditor General, and such other certificates as shall appear to have been granted contrary to the law and former instructions of this Board, and that such correction be made by taking up such certificates, and that a particular return be made of all such cases.

Resolved, That the said commissioners take a receipt on each certificate delivered up for the money paid on account, that the same may be a voucher for the expenditures, and such certificates and receipts be delivered into this Board.

Resolved, That the said Commissioners in the payment of the money, pay a strict regard to the law in this case, which confines the payment to such officers and soldiers as are in actual service.

Resolved, That the said James Stevenson and John Nicholson do collect all the papers and vouchers of the settlement made agreeable to the resolves of this Board, of the third of March last, and close the settlements in the country, informing future applicants that they must apply in Philadelphia before the first of June, at which time the settlement will finally close.

The depreciation account of David Porter, Waggon Master to the Second Pensylvania brigade, being considered, and the law referred to, appears that none but military officers of the line are intitled to allowance of depreciation.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Lukens, Esquire, one of the commissioners for running the line between the State of Virginia and this State, for the sum of four hundred pounds,

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State money, for the purpose of paying contingent expenses of the commissioners appointed for the said service, and their attendants, for which sum he is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the following instructions be given to John Lukens and Archibald M'Clean, Esquires, commissioners appointed to run and mark the line between this State and the State of Virginia

Instructions to John Lukens & Archibald M'Clain, Esquires, commissioners appointed on the part of Pensylvania to run the boundary line between the said State and the State of Virginia.

"GENTLEMEN:—Agreeable to the appointment of Council, herewith delivered, you are to proceed, with all convenient expedition, to ascertain and mark the boundary line between this State and the State of Virginia, according to the agreement of the commissioners heretofore mutually appointed by the respective States, dated at Baltimore, August the thirty-first, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as follows, viz:

"BALTIMORE, August 31st, 1779.

"We, George Bryan, John Ewing, and David Rittenhouse, commissioners from the State of Pensylvania, and we, James Maddison and Robert Andrews, commissioners for the State of Virginia, do hereby mutually, in behalf of our respective States, ratify and confirm the following agreement, viz: to extend Mason and Dixon's line due west five degrees of longitude, to be computed from the river Delaware, for the southern boundary of Pensylvania, and that a meridian drawn from the western extremity thereof to the northern limit of the said State, be the western boundary of Pensylvania forever."

"It is expected you will be met by commissioners on the part of Virginia, but if you shou'd not, it is the desire and intention of the Council that the line should be ascertained and marked in as strict conformity as possible to the above agreement, which has been solemnly ratified by the Legislature of each State.

"Colonel Marshall, the Lieutenant of Washington county, has orders to provide a guard of forty men, properly officered, to attend you on this duty, with which we hope you will be able to execute this important service, notwithstanding any designs of the enemy, or dissatisfaction of persons attached to the Virginia claim.

"Mr. Duncan, the Commissioner of Purchases for Westmoreland, will have orders to make as suitable provisions as the country will admit, and to whom you will direct any orders, on the accommodation of yourselves or attendants. In marking the said line, you

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will clear out at least fifteen feet in width, and on large trees or other suitable objects, you will cause the letters "P." and "V." to be marked on the different sides.

"You will receive herewith an order on the Treasury for four hundred pounds, to bear the contingent charges of the guards, and other necessary expenses, of which you will keep an account, and make a report of your proceedings to Council as soon as may be.

"JOSEPH REED, *President.*"

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, April 24th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of twenty thousand pounds, State money, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which sum he is to be accountable.

On consideration,

Resolved, That David Jackson, practitioner of physick, together with Mr. John Nicholson, be appointed Commissioners to pay the one-third of the depreciation in this city, as directed by the late act of Assembly, and renew the certificates; that the said commissioners do proceed immediately to the payment of the following officers, viz:

Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer.
Major James Hamilton.
Do. Evan Edwards.
Captain Ebenezer Carson.
Do. John Pearson.
Do. Lawrence Keene.
Lieutenant Stephen Stephenson.
Do. Henry Peercy.
Do. James M. Jones.
Do. ——— McPherson.
Major James Moore.
Do. Joseph Banks.

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That in making such payment, they strictly conform to the act of Assembly, which authorises this payment only to such officers and soldiers as are in actual service; that receipts be taken on the old certificate for the sum paid, and such certificates be carefully returned to the Council. None to be settled with but such as apply personally, and produce the former certificate.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. David Jackson and John Nicholson, Commissioners for paying one-third of depreciation certificates, for the sum of three thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly for striking the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, &ca., passed the seventh instant, for the purpose of paying to divers officers in the city of Philadelphia, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said commissioners are to account.

The delegates of Pensylvania in Congress, attended, and requested a conference with the Council respecting the letter of the eighteenth instant, received from his Excellency General Washington, stating sundry difficulty's with regard to a supply of bread for the army; and accordingly a conference was had on the subject of the said letter.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, April 25th, 1781, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds, State money, for his services in assisting the Attorney General on the tryal of James Mease and William West, Junior, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington to Congress, being receiv'd from his Excellency the President of Congress, from which there is reason to believe that a detachment of the enemy was about to be sent from New York, and may be intended to invade this State, or take post on the river Delaware. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city do immediately call into service one company of Artillery for garrisoning the forts at Billingsport and Mud Island, and that he carry this order into execution with all possible dispatch.

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The Board having taken into consideration a letter from the Honourable Board of Admiralty, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth instant, and a letter from the Board of War, together with a letter from his Excellency General Washington, containing advices of the most interesting nature, and praying the assistance of this Board to procure a number of seamen and mariners to man the frigate Trumbull, for the security of the river Delaware, in the present emergency.

Resolved, That this Board will immediately advance to the Board of Admiralty a competent sum of money, on account of the United States, as a bounty to engage two hundred seamen and mariners, to serve on board said frigate, in the river only, and to be discharged at the expiration of three weeks, or sooner, if the present necessity shall cease.

Resolved, That this Board preferring voluntary engagements to coercive methods, do earnestly recommend to all persons well affected to the publick interests, to promote and forward the manning said vessel without delay, as the only means to avoid the disagreeable alternatives of impressing or interrupting the trade of the port.

Resolved, That the Council will give such farther aid to the Board of Admiralty as shall appear necessary to equipp said vessel without delay.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, State money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, April 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. Jackson and Nicholson, Commissioners for paying one-third of depreciation certificates, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly for striking the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, &ca, for the purpose of paying to divers officers and soldiers in the city one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said Commissioners are to account.

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Major Hamilton, of the second regiment, having represented that he has accidently lost his certificate of depreciation, and requested that it may be renewed, and he entitled to draw his one-third, agreeable to the late act; and it appearing reasonable to repair the said lost certificate, shou'd it be hereafter produced

Resolved, That upon Major Hamilton's lodging an affidavit of said loss with the Auditors, mentioning the number and amount of the certificate, and giving security to indemnify the State against said certificate, the Auditors pay him one-third of said amount and renew his certificate as in other cases.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Francis Lewis, Esquire, on behalf of the Board of Admiralty of the United States, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, State money, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Trimble, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, of the emitted money by act of Assembly for striking the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, &c., passed the seventh instant, to be by him forwarded to Mr James Stephenson, or Henry Christ, Esquire, at Reading, for the purpose of paying to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line in actual service one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said James Stephenson is to account.

A petition from Catharine Archibald, was read, together with an account containing sundry charges against the publick, for goal fees, for receiving divers deserters from the army into the goal of the county of Lancaster, from time to time; and the said petition and account being considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Board are of opinion, it is the duty of a goaler to receive deserters without charging the publick with goal fees, and no such account has ever been rendered; the wood, coffin, and other such articles, shou'd be paid by the Barrack Master or Deputy Quarter Master of the United States.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Friday, April 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. John Nicholson and David Jackson, Commissioners for paying one-

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third of depreciation, for the sum of two thousand pounds, of the money emitted by an act of Assembly for striking the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, &c., passed the seventh instant, for the purpose of paying divers officers of the Pensylvania line in the city of Philadelphia, going on command, for which sum the said Commissioners are to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Nicholson, one of the Commissioners for paying one-third of the depreciation certificates, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, of the money aforesaid, for the purpose of paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, in actual service, for which the said John Nicholson is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Samuel Miles, Dep'y Quarter Master General, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, of the money lately emitted, the same to be charged to the United States of America, for the use of the Quarter Master's department.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Mr. Benjaman Harbeson, conveying a tract or piece of land, situate in the township of Roxborough, in the county of Philadelphia, and bounded as follows, vizt: Beginning at a red oak tree by the side of the river Schuylkill, at a corner of Samuel Powell's land; thence by the same north sixty-three degrees east forty-seven perches and one-fourth of a perch to a corner of Daniel Clymer's land; thence by the said Clymer's land south twenty-eight degrees east forty-four perches and three-fourths of a perch to a corner of Christian Vanlashet's land; thence by the south sixty-three degrees west thirty-nine perches and one-fourth of a perch to the river Schuylkill; thence up the said river along the several courses thereof forty-four perches and eight-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing eleven acres and one hundred and fifty-six perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Christopher Laur, the older, to the said Benjamin Harberson, for the sum of six thousand pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of three bushells of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fourth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excelleney to William Coates, Esquire, conveying two tracts, pieces or parcels of land situate in the Northern Liberties of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, between Hickory lane and Poplar lane; one of them beginning at a corner of Hickory lane in the line of land of Isaac Melchior and others; thence extending by the same north forty degrees east forty-six perches to a corner; thence by the next de-

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scribed lot south fifty degrees east fourteen perches and nine-tenths of a perch to a corner; thence by lands late of Jeremiah Elfrieth, deceased, south forty degrees west forty-five perches to Hickory lane aforesaid; thence by the same south fifty degrees west fifteen perches and one-tenth of a perch to the place of beginning: containing four acres and thirty-eight perches, be the same more or less. The other of the said tracts beginning by the side of Poplar lane aforesaid; thence extending by land now in tenure of Hugh Roberts, Junior, south thirty-five degrees west twenty-six perches to a corner; thence partly by land of the said Jeremiah Elfrieths, deceased, and partly by the first described lot north forty degrees west twenty-nine perches and four-tenths of a perch to land of the said Isaac Melchior and others; thence by the same north forty degrees east sixteen perches and three-tenths of a perch to Poplar lane aforesaid; thence by the same south seventy degrees east twenty-eight perches and seven-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing three acres and thirty-two perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold as the estate late of Isaac Allen, for and during the term of his natural life, to the said William Coates, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty pounds, Continental money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia. Deed dated the twenty-seventh instant.

This day being appointed to take into consideration the return of the road leading from Darby road to the bridge at the middle ferry on Schuylkill, George Gray, Esquire, attended in Council, and made his objections to the conformation of the said road; whereupon, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The Board taking into consideration a letter from Henry Miller, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of York, informing of the escape of William Rankin from the Goal of the said county; thereupon,

Resolved, That the following proclamation be issued, viz:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, William Rankin, yeoman, and late a Colonel of militia of the county of York, now or late of the township of Newberry, in the said county, hath adhered to and knowingly and willingly aided and assisted the enemies of this State and of the United States of America, by having joined their armies within this State or elsewhere:

We, the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers and authorities to us given by an act of General Assembly, intitled "An Act for the attainder of divers traitors if they "render not themselves by a certain day; and for vesting their es-"tates in this Commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering

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"the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawfull debts "and claims thereupon," do hereby strictly charge and require the said William Rankin to render himself to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the counties within this State, on or before Thursday, the fourteenth day of June next ensuing, and also abide his legal trial for such his treason, on pain that he, the said William Rankin, not rendering himself as aforesaid, and abiding the trial aforesaid, shall, from and after the said fourteenth day of June next, stand and be attainted of high treason to all intents and purposes, and shall suffer such pains and penalties and undergo all such forfietures as persons attainted of high treason ought to do.

And whereas, The said William Rankin having been apprehended by virtue of a warrant from the Honourable the Chief Justice of this State, upon a charge of high treason, and committed to the prison of the county of York, did lately break the said prison and make his escape from justice: We do, therefore, farther hereby offer a reward of fifty pounds, State money, to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said William Rankin, and deliver him to the keeper of any goal within this State: And all the faithfull subjects of this State are to take notice of this proclamation, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest:—T'Y MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, April 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant Colonel Francis Barber, for the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds of the money emitted pursuant to the act of Assembly passed the seventh instant, for striking the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, to be paid—one hundred pounds to Major Reid, and

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seventy pounds to Captain Pry, of Colonel Moses Hazen's regiment, to be accounted for by them, as part of their depreciation.

Resolved, That Mr. Reid and Doctor Gardner, be a committee of this Board to examine and give directions for repairing the lower rooms of the east wing of the State House, for the purpose of depositing therein the books and papers belonging to the officers of the Secretary and Receiver General of the Land Office.

Resolved, That General Lacey and Mr. Hayes, be appointed a committee to make inquiry into the state of the arms lately receiv'd from the Honourable Board of War, and that Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to attend the said committee, and inform them respecting the said arms.

A petition from Morgan O'Bryan, convicted of stealing the goods of Nicholas Jacobs, and sentenced to be publickly whipp'd, and pay the costs of prosecution, was read, praying remission of the said punishment: Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said punishment be remitted, on condition that he enter on board the Continental frigate Turnbull, and serve during the present war.

A petition from Susanna Collings, praying a pass to New York, was read, and the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 30th, 1781.

PRESENT.

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-six pounds fourteen shillings and five pence, State money; and one other, for the sum of thirteen pounds five shillings and seven pence, like money, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of twenty thousand pounds of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh instant, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which sum the said Colonel Morgan is to account.

The representatives of the two companies of militia Artillery, lately ordered on duty, having been read and considered,

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Resolved, That the circumstances under which the former orders were given having changed, the march of the said companies be countermanded.

On consideration,.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to purchase, in behalf of the State, twelve hundred weight of gun powder, three thousand weight of lead, and ten thousand flints, at the most reasonable rates, for the purpose of defending the frontiers of this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of nine pounds three shillings, State money, in part of his salary, for which sum he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, of the twenty-ninth instant, was read, inclosing a resolution of the Honourable Congress of the twentieth instant, recommending to the several States of Rhode Island and Providence plantations, New York, New Jersey, Pensylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, to make good the depreciation of the monthly pay to the officers and soldiers of Colonel Moses Hazen's regiment, that are considered as part of the States' quotas, in the same manner they have made good the depreciation to the officers and soldiers in the battalions belonging to the line of these States respectively.

And thereupon, the same were ordered to be filed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 1st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Captain David Zeigler, Sub-Clothier, six hundred and sixty pair of shoes for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line, taking a receipt for the same.

John Pierce, Esquire, Paymaster General, presented to the Council an order of Congress, in the following words, viz:

13,740 dollars, new emission.

Gentlemen:—Pay to John Pierce, Esquire, Paymaster General, or his order, the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and forty

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dollars, new emission, for expediting a detachment of the Pensylvania line to the southward, for which sum the said Paymaster General is to be accountable.

By order of the United States in Congress assembled, April 28th, 1781.

SAMUEL HUNTINGDON, President.

Passed in the Auditor General's office April twenty-eighth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

PATRICK FERRALL, Cl'k.

His Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the aforesaid draft of Congress in favour of John Pierce, Esquire, and that the order for so doing be indorsed on the said draft, in the following words, to wit.

For 13,740 dollars.

SIR:—Pay to John Pierce, Esquire, Paymaster General, or his order, the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and forty dollars, agreeable to the within draft of Congress, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Barnet, for the sum of five hundred pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly, passed the seventh instant, to be by him forwarded to John Arndt, Esquire, of Northampton county, for the purpose of paying the bounty to recruits, and the gratuity allowed by the Assembly to the retained soldiers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Lukens, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for running the line between the State of Virginia and this State, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds, State money, for paying the expences of the Commissioners appointed to run the said line, and their attendance, for which sum the said John Lukens is to account. The said order to include an order granted the twenty-third ult., for four hundred pounds, alledged to be lost or mislaid.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of three thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, for the purpose of defending the western frontiers of this State, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of ten thousaed pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be by him forwarded to Mr. John Nicholson, or Henry Slagle, Esquire, at York town, for the purpose of paying to officers

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and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, in actual service, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said John Nicholson is to account.

A petition from George Dougherty, setting forth that he hath purchased from Michael Green, a mariner on board the Privateer Active, his share of prize money; that the said Michael Green, at the time of his entering on board said vessel, was a deserter from the Continental army, whereby the said prize money became forfieted to the use of the State, was read, praying the aid of this Board therein. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be rejected.

An order was drawn in favour of Frederick Sneyder, for the sum of twenty pounds, State money, dated the seventh of April last, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 2d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the following persons, viz't:

In favour of Mr. Peter Medick, for the sum of one thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be forwarded to Honourable John Van Campen, for the purpose of defending the frontiers of for which sum the said John Van Campen is to account.

In favour of Frederick Sneyder, for the sum of twenty-two pounds fifteen shillings and one penny, ballance of his wages, and cash paid for sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council to the thirtieth of April last.

In favour of William Levis, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-one pounds twelve shillings and six pence, State money, for thirty-nine ream of paper, delivered to Mr. John Dunlap, for printing the laws and minutes of the Assembly.

In favour of the Honourable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of one thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be by him forwarded to Alexander Fowler, and William Amberson, Esquires, Auditors for setling the depreciation of the eighth regiment at Fort Pitt, paying the bounty to recruits lately inlisted, and gratuity allowed

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by the Assembly to the retained soldiers, for which sum the Auditors are to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Alexander Fowler and William Amberson, Esquires, be appointed Auditors for setling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the eighth regiment, now at Fort Pitt, and such of the regiment of Artillery at that place, who have not been setled with; and also, for paying the gratuity allowed by the Assembly to the said troops, and bounty to the recruits lately inlisted, if any; and also, for payment of one-third of the said depreciation.

A petition from John Filby, convicted of horse stealing in the county of York, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, to have both his ears cut off, and to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of two hundred pounds, &ca., was read, praying remission of the said fine. On consideration,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted.

WHEREAS, By an act of General Assembly, passed the twenty-third day of December last, the Supreme Executive Council are impowered and required, from and after the first day of this present month, to publish in the several English and German news papers printed in the city of Philadelphia, in the first week in every month, the rate of exchange between specie and Continental money; which exchange, so published in each month, the said act declares shall be the exchange between Continental money and the State money, thereby made legal tender.

Resolved, That the rate of exchange be estimated at one hundred and seventy-five Continental dollars for one dollar in specie.

WHEREAS, The rate of exchange at the commencement of the levy of the last eight monthly and other taxes now due, did not exceed seventy-five for one, and it is not just or reasonable, that any person shou'd receive an advantage from having delayed payment:

WHEREAS, ALSO, The rise of exchange will afford an opportunity to collectors to pay in the taxes, at a less rate than they have been received; wherefore,

Resolved, That the said Collectors do forbear levying the taxes outstanding on the duplicates, but from such persons as are willing to pay them at the rate in which they were originally laid, viz:—Seventy-five for one, untill the General Assembly of the State can take this important subject into consideration, and provide a suitable remedy.

The Council taking into consideration the pressing difficulties arising in our publick affairs, which this Board has not sufficient authority to remedy or prevent;

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Resolved, That the Assembly be called to meet at this place the twenty-fourth instant, and take into consideration the difficulties under which we now labour.

It being represented to the Board, that the County of Northampton is in very great distress by the incursions of the savages, and that from the terms of enlistment prescribed Captain Shrauder, there is no probability he will complete his company unless some alteration is made;

Resolved, That Captain Shrauder be permitted to enlist men for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged by the authority of the State, and that such troops be considered as raised for the protection of the frontiers.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 4th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill.

The following orders were drawn on the treasurer in favour of the following persons, viz:

In favour of Lieutenant Richard Fullerton, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be by him delivered to James Stevenson, Esquire, one of the Auditors appointed to settle the depreciation with the Pensylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favour of Mr. John Shee, one of the Auditors of the publick Accounts, for the sum of seventy-nine pounds ten shillings, amount of his account for his pay as Auditor, from the first of March to the thirtieth of April, 1781.

In favour of Mr. Jacob Morris, for the sum of seventy-six pounds ten shillings, State money, amount of his account for his pay as one of the Auditors of public Accounts, from the first of March to the thirtieth of April, 1781.

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be allowed three State dollars per diem, for his services in purchasing stores, &c., for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line.

Ordered, That the Auditors appointed to settle the depreciation accounts with the Pensylvania line, be directed to settle the same agreeable to the resolves of Congress of the sixteenth of April last, any former order of this Board notwithstanding.

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On consideration,

Resolved, That John Thom and Robert Clark, Esquires, be appointed Auditors for paying to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, in actual service, stationed at Lebanon in the county of Lancaster one-third of their depreciation certificates, agreeable to a late act of Assembly.

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Trimble, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, of the money emitted by an act of Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be forwarded by Colonel Richard Hampton to the said John Thom and Robert Clark, Esquires, for the purpose of paying one-third of depreciation certificates aforesaid, and also for paying the bounty to recruits lately inlisted, and the gratuity allowed by the Assembly to the retained soldiers.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Captain William Ferguson, or his order, the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to be charged to his account and deducted out of the one-third of his depreciation certificates

In favour of Lieutenant Ebenezer Carson, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to be charged to his account, and deducted as aforesaid.

In favour of Captain Lieutenant James Smith, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to be charged to his account, and deducted as aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant John Wigton, for the sum of three thousand pounds, State money, emitted by act of Assembly passed the seventh instant, to be by him forwarded to James Stevenson, Esquire, for paying to officers and soldiers in actual service, one-third of their depreciation certificates.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, for paying wages to the Guard at Mud Island and Billingsport, and purchasing the necessary provisions.

A recommendation from the Honourable the Judges of the Supreme Court, in favour of John Donnelly, convicted of being acces-

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sary to a burglary, was read; and also a recommendation from divers of the Jury; and a petition from the said John Donnelly, praying a pardon for the said offence; whereupon,

Resolved, That a pardon be granted to the said John Donnelly.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the first instant, was read, inclosing a resolution of the Honourable Congress of the twenty-seventh of April last, recommending to the several States to make up the depreciation of the pay of the officers and privates of Colonel Baldwin's Regiment of Artificers, according to the real value of their wages at the time of their establishment.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 7th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

Resolved, That General Wayne be requested to furnish this Board with a list of the names of the officers going with the detachment to the southward under his command.

On application of Francis Johnston, Esq'r, Receiver General,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board deliver up to Mr. Johnston all the books and papers receiv'd by him from Edmund Physick, Esquire, late Receiver General, and now in the possession of this Board, taking his receipt specially therefor.

The Board taking into consideration the great importance of keeping a garrison for the defence of the forts on the river,

Resolved, That a company be immediately raised for the above purpose, under the command of Captain Nathan Boys to consist of,

One Captain.
Two Lieutenants.
Three Sergeants.
Three Corporals.
Two drums & fifes.
And twenty-five privates.

Resolved, That the said company be raised on the following terms, vizt:

That they be inlisted for one month, unless sooner discharged by this Board, and receive pay as follows, vizt:

Sergeants,	£7	per month.
Corporals	6 10	do.
Drums and fifes,	do.	do.
Privates,	6	do.

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Rations—vizt: Ten pounds of beef, seven pounds of flour per week, and a gill of rum or whiskey per day.

Resolved, That the privates be liable to fatigue duty in the garison, as ordered by the officers, but in that case to receive three shillings per day besides their monthly wages, and half a pint of rum or whiskey, including the above; and that half of the pay of the first month be advanced.

Resolved, That the pay be adjusted on the first day of every month, so as to guard against any inconveniencies resulting from the fluctuation of the money.

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the gallies, now in the pay of the State, vizt: Nicholas Fitzimmons and be appointed Lieutenants of the said company.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 8th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill.

Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of three hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of taking down the part of the State House steeple constructed of wood, agreeable to the resolution of the House of Assembly, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant William Martin, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money, to be charged to his account, and deducted out of the third part of his depreciation certificate.

Resolved, That Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, be directed to order an election for officers of militia in the room of certain officers lately tried by court martial, and dismissed from service.

The petition of Isaac Austin having been read and considered,

Resolved, That this Board cannot comply with the recommendation of the House of Assembly in his case, for the following reasons:

First. That the interference of the House of Assembly appears to us inconsistent with the constitution of the State, which have vested no other powers in the Assembly but such as are Legislative; that such recommendations in matters merely executive, must have an undue influence, and being yeilded to, endanger the free judgment of the Council, or if denied, create disgust and destroy the harmony of government.

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Secondly. That as the debt alluded to in his petition has been settled by a judgment of the Supreme Court, and the estate become private property under positive and established laws of the State, which no resolve of the Assembly or any proceedings of this Board can alter or invalidate, we cannot by any act of ours deprive any person of his property without law, or countenance an idea that the Assembly have power to reverse or annull a regular judgment of the Supreme Court in matter of property.

A letter from John Carothers, of the county of Cumberland, of the fifth instant, was read, inclosing his commission of Captain of the seventh company in the third battalion of militia of the said county, and praying leave to resign the same; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

The Council, upon re-considering the order of the fourth instant, fixing the pay of Colonel Lewis Farmer, State Clothier,

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be allowed three dollars, State money, per diem, for his services in preparing cloathing for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Keep, for the sum of twenty-two pounds, State money, to be by him paid to Samuel Postlewaite of Cumberland county, being money advanced by him on behalf of the Quarter Master of said county, to Ralph Nailor, for his services in riding express with letters to the Commissioners of Bedford and Westmoreland, agreeable to the act of Assembly for compleating the quota of the Fœderal army assigned to this State.

Upon the representations of the inhabitants of New Brunswick and Pine Grove township, in the county of Berks,

Resolved, That Colonel Valentine Eckhart, Lieutenant of the county of Berks, be directed to order out one class of Colonel Lindemuth's battalion of militia, for the purpose of defending the frontiers of the said county; and if the said class shall not amount to sixty, that the said Lieutenant proceed to call out one class from the next battalion in order, so as to make up the said number.

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Resolved, That Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, Commissioner of Purchases in the said county, be directed to make suitable provision for the said militia, taking care to make his purchases in the neighborhood of the said battalion.

Resolved, That Colonel Eckhart be directed to station the said militia in such a manner as to give the most effectual protection to the inhabitants of New Brunswick and Pine Grove townships, in the said county.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 10th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

A petition of John Lukens, convicted of horse stealing at a Court of General Quarter Sessions in the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to have both his ears cut off, to stand in the Pillory to be publickly whipt, and to pay to the use of the State a fine of forty pounds, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted, on condition that he enter on Board the Continental Frigate Trumbull, and serve during the present war.

Mary Stump, lately come out of New York, being brought before this Board and examined, it appears that she is a person of suspicious character; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Mary Stump give security for her good behaviour before one of the Justices of the Peace of the city of Philadelphia, her husband, George Stumps, and herself, in the sum of one hundred pounds, and two sufficient sureties in the sum of fifty pounds each.

WHEREAS, By an order of this Board, dated the fourteenth day of March last, the Lieutenant of Lancaster county was directed to call into service two classes of the militia of said county for the purpose of guarding the prisoners at Lancaster: AND WHEREAS, By the miscarriage of said orders, it happened that the Sub-Lieutenants ordered a class from the eighth battalion instead of those directed by this Board:

Resolved, That this Council do confirm such call, and direct that the said class be subject to the usual duties, and the usual penalties be levied on delinquents, and the class of said battalion continue on duty untill regularly relieved.

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A letter from James Smith, Esquire, member of the General Assembly, praying leave to resign his appointment as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, was read; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A letter from his Excellency the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, was read, representing that by the laws of France all sailors are registered in the Admiralty of that Kingdom, and bound to render their service to their King when required. That there are sundry French sailors now in this city and on board the vessels in this port, who are indispensably necessary to man the Fleet at Rhode Island, now immediately employed in the protection and for the benefit of this country; sickness, battle, and other accidents, having much diminished the crews of the French Squadron since their arrival on the American station, and requesting the aid of this Board for that purpose: Wherefore,

Resolved, That the Chevalier de la Touche, or such other person as shall be duly authorized for the purpose by the said Minister or the Consul of France, residing in this city, be impowered to collect such French sailors as may be found within this State; and all Magistrates, Sheriffs, Constables, and other civil officers, and all other the subjects of this State, are required to aid and assist them in the said services.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of twenty thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly passed by the seventh of April last, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, of the money aforesaid, to be forwarded to Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, one third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said Stevenson and Nicholson are to account.

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The Council taking into consideration the present critical situation of publick affairs,

Resolved, That the following proclamation be issued, vizt:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this State, at their last session, "reciting that it was not to be expected during the present war with Great Britain, that sufficient quantities of gold and silver money cou'd be procured or retain'd in this State for procuring and providing sufficient supplys of provisions and other articles for support of the army and the purposes of private dealings," did direct an emission of five hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, redeemable with the many and large arrearages due to the State for lands heretofore granted within this Commonwealth:

And Whereas, By another act directing the payment of one-third of the depreciation to the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, one hundred and thirty thousand pounds of the said money has been emitted; and by the act first mentioned, "every person refusing the said bills of credit, or selling, giving or receiving the same at a less rate than gold or silver, are liable to prosecution in the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or, if under five pounds, before a Justice, and on conviction, to forfiet the value of the goods or articles in question:

And Whereas, It is not only an assential, but the indispensible duty of all persons in a well regulated government to make the laws of the country the rules of their conduct, seeking by legal and peaceable modes an alteration of any laws which they apprehend to be grievious or impolitick:

Upon a due consideration, therefore, of the above laws, the special obligation upon us who are sworn faithfully to execute them, the great difficulties which will result to the well affected, to the industrious poor, who have receiv'd this money in exchange for the old Continental money, and to those who have sold their merchandize or produce to the Public Commissioners, if the said bills of credit shou'd not find a free circulation: We do most earnestly recommend to all the citizens of this State, and especially to landlords and those engaged in trade and dealing of every kind, to receive the said money agreeable to law; and for their encouragement herein, we do assure such persons that no more of the said money shall be issued untill the meeting of the Assembly, when it will be in an especial manner recommended to them to secure the possessors thereof from any possible loss; and also informing them that, by letters receiv'd from the country, it is the determination of the inhabitants to support the full execution of the law upon this subject, they appearing fully sensible of the necessity of continu-

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ing the money undepreciated, and resolving to use their utmost efforts to this purpose. And we do in like manner recommend to all persons, and especially to the meritorious militia, both officers and privates, not to be led into tumults and outrages which involve innocent families in distress, sully the dignity of any cause, and will be turned by their enemies to the prejudice of that necessary and honourable service, but to wait with patience the meeting of their Representatives, who alone can afford competent relief under present difficulties.

We likewise enjoin upon all magistrates, sheriffs, and constables, to use their utmost influence and authority to guard against and suppress any irregularities or disorders which are inconsistent with the peace and good order of government; and all other officers, civil and military, and all well disposed citizens, are required to be aiding and assisting them therein.

Given by order of the Council, under the hands of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Sec'y.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILADELP'A, Saturday, May 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Board taking into consideration the expence of the post at Newtown, and that there is little probability of more recruits being collected at that post,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that the farther continuance of that post is not necessary, and that the Honourable Board of War be desired to give the necessary orders to their officers.

The Board taking into consideration the late act of Assembly intitled "An Act for the better support of the publick credit, by "an immediate sale of the lands therein mentioned, and fully se- "curing the purchasers thereof in their titles, and also preserving "the common lands appurtenant to the city of Philadelphia, and

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"other towns of this State, from unwarrantable encroachment;" and sensible of the importance and necessity of proceeding to a sale of the said lots, agreeable to the said law, in order to redeem the bills of credit dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780.

Resolved, That the Wardens of the city be required to perform the duty required of them by the act of Assembly first mentioned, without delay, so that the appropriation and division of the lots may be made for the purposes in the said act expressed.

Resolved, That the Surveyor General do proceed, with all convenient expedition, to apportion and set out the said lots, agreeable to the instructions given him by this Board.

Resolved, That the said Surveyor take such assistance as may be necessary in the above service, the reasonable expence of which this Board will defray.

A petition from Daniel Andrew Henning being read and considered,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, to take such order thereon as he shall judge proper.

The Council resumed the consideration of the return and survey of the proposed road from Derby road to the Lancaster road.

Whereupon, after full consideration had, the Board were of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed; and the said road is accordingly by the Board adjudged to be forever hereafter a publick road or highway; and

Ordered, That the same be opened of the breadth of sixty feet at least, and be recorded in the Council books, as the act of Assembly in that case directs: It is further

Ordered, That the supervisors of the highways for the townships thro' which any part of the road leads do, with all convenient speed, cause the same to be cleared and opened through their respective townships, according to the courses and distances set forth in the said return of survey, which is as follows, vizt:

"In pursuance of the foregoing order, we, the subscribers, have "carefully viewed the premisses therein mentioned, and having "maturely considered the nature and situation of the ground, and "importance of the object, have laid out a road; the survey and "measurement is as follows, to wit: beginning in the middle of "Derby road, about three perches southwesterly of the angle in "said road, opposite James Bartram's house; thence north thirty-"six degrees east one hundred and seventeen perches to a small "maple on the bank of Mill creek; thence one perch further on "the same course to the middle of said creek, at the Rocks; thence "the same course continued fourteen perches and a half further to "a small heap of stones, about one perch and a half north of "Schuylkill mill race; thence north fifty-two and a half east one "hundred and five perches to a stake; thence north seventy de-"grees east one hundred and sixty-two perches to a stake; thence

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"north sixty-three degrees east one hundred and forty-four perches "to the middle of Market street or Lancaster road, to the north- "west of Hamilton's brick house: Which survey and measure- "ment, together with a draft of the said road, we return, as in and "by the said order we are directed and required. In witness "whereof, we hereunto set our hand sand seals, the fifteenth day of "March, Anno Domini, 1781

"JONATHAN PASCHALL, [Seal.]
"JOHN SELLERS, [Seal.]
"PHILIP PRICE, [Seal.]
"BENJAMIN BRANNON, [Seal.]
"JOHN LUKENS, [Seal.]
"NATHAN GIBSON, [Seal.]
"REUBEN HAINES, [Seal.]"

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the fifth instant, in answer to the letter from this Board on the memorial of the officers of Colonel Proctor's Artillery, and representing the distressed situation of the army on account of provisions, was receiv'd and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That so much of the said letter as respects the said officers be copied and sent to them.

The Honourable Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Varnum, a committee of the Honourable the Congress of the United States, attended and requested a conference with the Council on the letter of the fifth instant from his Excellency General Washington, to Congress, representing the distressed state of the army for want of provisions; and a conference was had thereupon.

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In Council.

Tuesday, May 15th, 1781, PHILAD'A.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

A petition from Henry Shrupp, Adjutant to the third battalion of Philadelphia militia, setting forth that when the militia was ordered out in August last, he procured a horse at his own expence from the Quarter Master General, and praying to be reimbursed by the publick, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be referred to the city Lieutenant, to make payment, if he is satisfied of the justice of the demand.

The memorial of the Naval Officer of this port being read; representing sundry difficulties which have arisen respecting the ship Anne, on account of the necessary papers being left in France, as alledged; and the law of this State laying an impost on goods, wares, and merchandizes imported into this State, being considered,

Resolved, That the said law not having vested any discretionary or dispensing powers in this Board, none can be assumed in this case, and that the said officer do therein as his duty and the laws of the State direct.

On consideration,

Resolved, That for the information and government of the good people of this State, the several printers be directed to publish in their respective newspapers the following extract from an act of Assembly passed the seventh of April, 1781:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from "and after the first day of June next, no money shall be receiv'd "in taxes or other publick dues in this State, other than gold "or silver, or bills of credit, by law equivalent thereto: And "that the Treasurer of this State be and he hereby is authorized "and empowered to set apart the sum of two hundred pounds of "the money to be emitted in pursuance of the directions of this "act, for the purpose of exchanging old Continental bills of credit, "the Commonwealth money emitted by an act passed the twentieth "of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and "the money heretofore emitted by the resolves of the Assemblies "of Pensylvania, according to the rate of exchange, to be declared "by the President and Council; agreeably to the powers vested in "them by an act passed the twenty-third day of December, one

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"thousand seven hundred and eighty: And in order to accommo-
"date the people possession any of the said old Continental, Com-
"monwealth or resolve money, in the several counties of this State,
"the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to employ the several
"County Treasurers in exchanging the same, according to the said
"rates declared by the Supreme Executive Council, and under such
"restrictions as they may judge proper and necessary."

A petition from Benjamin Williams, convicted of larceny in the county of Berks, and sentenced to be publickly whipt and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of twenty-nine shillings, was read, praying a pardon for the said offence: On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitioner be granted.

A petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, the wife of John Fox, late of the city of Philadelphia, an attainted traitor, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of her petition be granted, provided she give sufficient security not to return again without permission from the Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Reed, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill.

A letter from the Agent of the Royal Marine of France of the sixteenth instant, requesting permission to ship seven hundred and eighty-three barrells of flour, for the use of the Royal Marine of France, at St. Domingo, was read; and thereupon,

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Ordered, That the said Agent be informed that such permission is not necessary in the present case.

The record of the conviction of Henry M'Keever and John Dobbins, found guilty of burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at the city of Philadelphia, for the county of Philadelphia, the ninth day of April, 1781, and then and there sentenced, each of them, to be hanged by the neck 'till they be dead, being now read, petitions from the said Henry McKeever and John Dobbins being also read; and the same being duly considered,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued, under the less seal of the State, for execution of the said sentence on Saturday the twenty-sixth instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

The record of the conviction of John Flanagan and James Byrnes, found guilty of burglary at the said court, and sentenced, each of them, to be hanged by the neck 'till they be dead, being now read; a petition from the said John Flanagan being also read: On consideration.

Ordered, That a warrant be issued, under the less seal of the State, for execution of the said sentence on Saturday the twenty-sixth instant, between the hours, &c., as aforesaid.

The record of the conviction of Thomas McCully, found guilty of burglary at the said court, and sentenced as aforesaid, being now read, together with a petition from the said Thomas McCully: Thereupon,

Ordered, That a pardon be granted to the said Thomas McCully.

The record of the conviction of Thomas McGee, found guilty of robbery at the said court, and sentenced as aforesaid, being now read,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued, under the less seal of the State, for execution of the said sentence on Saturday the twenty-sixth instant, between the hours, &ca., as aforesaid.

The record of the conviction of Thomas Wilkinson, found guilty of piracy, at a Court of Admiralty Sessions, held at Philadelphia for the United States of America, and for the State of Pensylvania, the twenty-third day of April last, and sentenced to be hanged by the neck, till he be dead, being now read; thereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued under the less seal of the State, for execution of the sentence on Wednesday the twenty-third instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock of the afternoon of the said day, on the island in the river Delaware called Windmill Island; and it is further

Ordered, That the body of the said Thomas Wilkinson be taken down to Mud Island, in the said river, and hanged in chains on the north end of the said island.

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 18th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Read, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Captain Charles Alexander, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and lot of ground thereto belonging, situate on the south side of Catherine street, between Front and Second streets, in the district of Southwark aforesaid: Containing in breadth twenty feet, and in length or depth one hundred and one feet six inches; bounded eastward by grounds of Alexander Adams; southward by ground of John Smith; westward by ground of Anthony Duche; and northward by Catharine street, aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of William Rhodden, an attainted traitor, to the said Charles Alexander, for the sum of four thousand one hundred pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, subject to a yearly ground rent of two bushells and one-twentieth part of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourth parts of which sum he hath paid to the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-eighth day of February last.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Reed, and Mr. Whitehill.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 21st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read, and Mr. Whitehill.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, May 22nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Trimble, for the sum of four thousand pounds, of the money emitted by an act of the General Assembly passed the seventh of April last, to be forwarded to Mr. John Nicholson, at Yorktown, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line in actual service, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said John Nicholson is to account.

A committee of Congress attended in Council, and a conference was had on the case of Thomas Wilkinson, now under sentence of death, respecting the legality of his sentence; the Chief Justice being a member of Congress; and the Articles of Confederation declaring that no member of Congress shall be a Judge of any of the Courts appointed for the trial of piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and Courts established for receiving and determining finally, appeals in all cases of captures; and after a free communication on the subject, it was

Ordered, That the said Thomas Wilkinson be reprieved for twenty-one days.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May the 23d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Reed, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Thomas Huston, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and tract or parcel of land, situate in Durham township, in the county of Bucks, and bounded as follows, viz't: Beginning at a poplar tree standing on the bank of the river Delaware; thence extending by land of Thomas Pursel north sixty-five degrees west twenty-six perches to a black oak tree, marked for a corner; and south sixty-six degrees west one hundred and fifty-nine perches and four-tenth parts of a perch to a post; thence by land of George Gresler north seventy-one degrees and three quarters of a degree west twenty-five perches to a post, and north twenty-four degrees west sixty perches to a post, in a line of land late of Joseph Galloway; thence by the last mentioned land north sixty-six degrees east twenty perches to a post, and north twenty-four degrees west one hundred and twelve perches to a stone; thence by other land late of the said Joseph Galloway, south eighty-five degrees east one hundred and eighty perches to a stone on the bank of the river Delaware aforesaid; thence down the side of the said river on the several courses thereof to the first mentioned corner, the place of beginning; containing about one hundred and sixty-four acres, be the same within the bounds above described, more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Peter Perlie, an attainted traitor, to the said Thomas Huston, for the sum of six thousand six hundred pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agent of Confiscated Estates in said county. Deed dated this day.

A letter from Andrew Boyd, Esquire, inclosing his commission as Sub-lieutenant of the county of Chester, which he proposed to resign: On consideration,

And it appearing that he had settled his accounts, it was agreed that the said commission be accepted of.

A circular letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the nineteenth instant, was receiv'd and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress recommending to the Legislatures of the several States to enact laws as soon as may be, ordering the Naval Officers in their respective ports to require the Master and chief mate of all vessels unarmed, as well as armed, which shall be dispatched

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from their respective ports, to undersign their clearances in the presence of the Naval Officer of the port, who is also to insert on the back of the clearance, a minute description of the persons of the Master and his mate, with their age, stature, complexion, &c., respectively, and certify the same, under his signature and seal of office:

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 24th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to William Thomas, of Springfield township, of Bucks, Northampton, conveying a certain tract or piece of land situate in Penn township in the said county, on a branch of Lizard creek, bounded and being as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a post in the line of John Handwerk's land; thence extending along the same north eighty degrees west fifty-two perches to a post, a corner; thence by vacant land south ten degrees west eighty-six perches to a post, a corner; thence north eighty degrees west fifty-four perches to a white oak, a corner; thence by vacant land south ten degrees west one hundred and twenty perches to a post, a corner; thence by vacant land south eighty degrees east one hundred and six perches to a post, a corner; thence by vacant land north ten degrees east two hundred and six perches to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and seven acres and seventy-two perches, strict measure: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of William Thomas, an attainted traitor, to the said William Thomas, (first above mentioned,) for the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight pounds six shillings and seven pence half-penny, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the thirty-first day of December, 1780.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, May 25th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

The Commissioners of the taxes of the city and county of Philadelphia, attended in Council agreeable to request, and a conference was had respecting the law "for compleating the quota of troops in the Fœderal army assigned to this State;" and the Commissioners having stated sundry difficulties which occurred in the execution of the said law, and having apologized for the delay in making their return, they were requested to make the same as soon as possible.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, May 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

Resolved, That Henry M'Keever and John Flanaghan now under sentence of death and confined in the old goal, be reprieved untill the further order of this Board.

A petition from Isabel Philips, the wife of a certain Matthew Philips, a soldier in the service of this State, under the command of Colonel Brodhead, at Pittsburg; setting forth her destitute condition, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to the said Isabel Philips stuff for a gown, petticoat, shift, a pair of stockings, and a pair of shoes.

A letter from the Honourable Board of War of the twenty-fifth instant, was read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-third, directing the Board of War to cause to be removed the Convention troops, in such manner and to such places as they shall

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think most conducive to the good of the Union in general, and recommending to the several States through which the said prisoners may pass, to furnish the necessary guards and supplies of provisions through their respective States to the place or places to which they are removed. The said letter informing the Council that in obedience to the said resolution of Congress, they have concluded to send the said prisoners to Rutland, in the State of Massachusets Bay, and requesting that the necessary guards and supplies of provisions may be furnished for passing through this State.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President, of the twenty-fourth instant, was receiv'd and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-second, for liquidating, as soon as may be, the whole of the debts already due by the United States, and funding the same, if agreeable to the creditors, as a loan, upon interest, and directing that the several States be informed that the calculations of the expenses of the present campaign are made in solid coin, and consequently that the requisitions from them respectively being grounded on those calculations, must be complied with in such manner as effectually to answer the purposes designed.

That the States be further informed that the exigency and situation of publick affairs is such, that any farther delay in complying with the requisitions of Congress must prove ruinous.

Ordered, That the said papers be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, May 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Read, and

In Council.

PHILAD'A, May 29th, 1781, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Read, Mr. Thompson, (now first return'd from home.)

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, May 30th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen, (now returned from his family,)
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Eleazer Levy, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and lott or piece of ground situate on the east side of Fourth street, between Sassafrass and Mulberry streets, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth seventeen feet six inches (including one-half of a three feet alley on the north side thereof,) and extending in depth forty-nine feet six inches; bounded southward by a messuage and lot belonging to the Lutheran Congregation; eastward by ground belonging to the German Reformed Congregation; Northward by a messuage and lot of William Warner; and westward by south street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Samuel Shoemaker, an attainted traitor, to the said Eleazer Levy, for the sum of three thousand three hundred and fifty pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfieted Estates in the city of Philadelphia. Deed dated the twenty-fifth instant.

Colonel Samuel Rea, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, laid before the Council a state of his accounts to the twentieth instant, agreeable to the nineteenth section of the militia law of this State. Thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

Colonel Abraham Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, laid before the Council a state of his accounts to the twenty-ninth instant, agreeable to the nineteenth section of the militia law of this State; thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

A petition from Captain Joseph Hart, of the township of Warminster, in the county of Bucks, complaining of the conduct of Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the said county, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy of the said petition be forwarded to the said Colonel Hart, and that the nineteenth day of June next be appointed for a hearing of the said parties.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, May 31st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Van Campen.

The following message being read and considered, was agreed to to, vist:

Message from the President and Council, to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:

The exigencies of the State, the requisitions of Congress, and the representation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Federal army, have made it indispensably necessary to convene you before the time of your adjournment.

We have endeavoured to execute the laws you have enacted, to furnish the supplies required to recruit the Pensylvania *line*, and to support the frontiers, by such means as you have put into our hands for these important purposes. But, after devoting our best abilities and utmost attention, we find so much in the former to be amended and altered, and so much in the latter to be supplied, that a farther progress without the aid of the Legislature, wou'd have involved the State in difficulties, which prudence, wisdom, and firmness, may now remove, but which time and inattention may ripen into incurable evils. That of a depreciation of our State currency is the most alarming. Having seen and felt its ruinous consequences on the Continental money, in the loss of publick confidence, the violation of private honesty, and the distresses it has brought on the most virtuous part of the community, and which an unconquerable love of their country cou'd alone enable them to support, we cou'd not see this fatal malady again sapping the vitals of publick credit and future resources, without giving the alarm, and calling upon you, who alone possess the Constitutional powers of prevention and relief.

It cannot be denied by the most selfish factions, or disaffected, that the exportation of the produce of the country is great, the returns quick and profitable; that Providence has blessed us with plentifull crops, and that present prospects are unusually rich; and it must equally be admitted, that the army, the government, and publick creditors, feel all the effects of real, undissembled poverty;

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that the sense of individuals, if we may judge by their conduct, and the sense of the Legislature, with respect to paper money, so materially differ, that it must be wholly laid aside, or supported by more general approbation and concurrence; and that some measures must be immediately adopted to relieve the present necessities, more adequate to the end than those which have been lately attempted, or the consequences are too obvious and too alarming to need enumeration or description.

We have the satisfaction to acquant you, that the line is again formed into respectable strength, and that a detachment under the command of General Wayne, has marched to the relief of our suffering brethern in the Southern States. In appointments and equipment we can justly say, our troops have never taken the field in a more respectable condition; and we have no doubt they will prove a most valuable, as well as considerable re-inforcement to the southern army.

We must beg leave to remind you, that by a law of the State, that Assembly shou'd at every session fix the pay of the militia, but it has been omitted for two sessions, while so great a part of the community, and those of greatest property and consideration, exempt themselves from this duty, it cannot be expected that the poor and midling class will chearfully perform it for the trifling sums they receive, or be satisfied with the small composition made by the delinquents.

There are considerable numbers of prisoners drawn into the State by the orders of Congress, which require constant guards; there are also occasional services to be rendered, and the distance of our line adds a new and forceable consideration to keep the militia on a respectable footing, as our principal dependance in case of invasion or other publick necessity.

It wou'd exceed the limits of an address to enter into a farther detail. The Secretary will lay before you sundry important papers, and this Board will chearfully make such farther communication as may be necessary; and we most earnestly entreat you, gentlemen, in this sessions, to lay aside all other considerations which do not tend to the establishment of publick credit, the supply of the army, the relief of the frontiers, and the maintenance of civil government, all which now depend upon the issue of your deliberations. The eyes of the people of this State, and of all America, are upon you, and we trust they will not be disappointed in the hopes they have formed of the wisdom, firmness, and integrity of your measures.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, May 31st, 1781.

A letter from Samuel Rea, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, of the thirtieth instant, was read, inclosing his commission of Lieutenant of said county, and praying leave to resign the same; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said resignation be accepted.

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A petition from Christian Koon, Trumpet Major of the fourth regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by Colonel Stephen Moylan, was read, praying for his discharge from the said regiment. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner be referred to Colonel Moylan, who is requested to make inquiry, and do justice therein.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-eighth instant, authorizing Mr. Tench Francis, together with Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. Richard Bache, or any one of them, to sign the bills of credit issued by the Commonwealth of Pensylvania, pursuant to the act of Congress of the eighteenth of March, 1780, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the thirtieth instant, was receiv'd and read, appointing a committee, viz't: Mr. Wynkoop and Mr. J. Harris, to obtain from Council their act for convening the House, and also to inform the Council that the House is ready to receive such business as the Council may have to lay before them.

Mr. Harris, of the House of Representatives, attended in Council, and laid before the Council a resolve of the House of this day, in the following words, viz't.

"STATE OF PENSYLVANIA.

"In General Assembly, Thursday 31st May, 1781.

"On motion, and by special order, the Message from his Excel-"lency the President and Council of this day, was read the second "time.

"*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of eleven, together "with the papers accompaning the same, and that the committee be "instructed to request a conference with Council thereupon, and "report as soon as possible.

"The members chosen, were Mr. Delany, Mr. Hill, Mr. Wyn-"koop, Mr. Evans, Mr. Jocks, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. "Mifflin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. J. Burd.

"Extract from the minutes.

"SAMUEL STERETT, Clerk."

And also informed the Council, that the Committee mentioned in the said resolve request a conference according thereto; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the Council will confer with the Committee immediately.

The committee attended in Council, and after spending some time in conference, it was agreed to adjourn 'till ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 1st, 1781,

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President,

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Van Campen.

The committee of the House attended in Council agreeable to adjournment, and thereupon a conference was had upon the subject of the message from the Council to the General Assembly, of the thirtieth ult'o, and the papers accompaning the same; also upon the present situation of publick affairs generally.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 2nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen.

Sundry papers receiv'd from Captain Mitchell, Commandant at Wyoming, were read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Doctor Gardner and Mr. Van Campen be appointed a committee to wait upon the Honourable Board of War, with the said papers, and that the Board be requested to take such order thereon as they shall judge necessary.

A petition from Mary Harding, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered That a pass be granted to her, on condition that she give security not to return again without special permission.

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In Council.

Monday, June 4th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Read, Mr Whitehill.

The following Message to the House of Assembly being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—Since our message of the thirty-first ultimo, we have receiv'd very important requisitions from the Honourable Congress, his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the Fœderal army, and the Board of War, which we now communicate. You will observe that in each we are requested to declare explicitly how far our compliance may be expected, as the operations of the campaign will materially depend upon the measures which may be adopted in consequence of these requisitions.

We therefore recommend them to your immediate consideration, and make no doubt you will enable us to give the desired information as soon as circumstances will admit.

JOSEPH REED, President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philad'a, June 4th, 1781.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly, together with the following papers, receiv'd and read this day, viz't:

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, calling upon this State for sixteen hundred militia, to serve for three months from the time of joining the army, a favourable opportunity now presenting of expelling the enemy from New York, and recommending to the State to take effectual measures for supplying the army with provisions.

A letter of the first instant, from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President of Congress, informing that Congress have receiv'd undoubted intelligence from their Minister at Versailles, and the Minister of France in America, that the Courts of Vienna and Petersburgh have offered their mediation to the belligerent powers for establishment of peace; that France had declined her full acceptance thereof untill the concurrence of her allies cou'd be obtain'd for that purpose. That Spain had answered in such

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manner to the proposals as to show her eventual acceptance. The said letter also recommending the most strenuous exertions of every State in the Union to oblige the enemy to abandon their possessions in every part of the United States.

One other letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the second instant, and an act of Congress of the thirty-first ultimo, earnestly recommending to the State of Pensylvania immediately to raise, arm and equip for the field, four battalions of Infantry, each battalion to consist of nine companies of sixty-four rank and file; also a company of Artillery to consist of sixty-two matrosses and a corps of Horse consisting of sixty-four troopers, each corps to be officered as near as may be to similar corps in the Continental army, according to the establishment of the third and twenty-first of October last, to be marched by detachment or otherwise, to such place as the Commander-in-Chief shall direct; to remain in service for the space of three months from the time of rendevousing, and to receive the same pay, rations and subsistance as the troops of the army of the United States.

A letter from Samuel Hunter, Esquire, Lieutenant of Northumberland county, representing the distresses of the inhabitants of the frontiers of the said county.

A letter from the Commissioners of the taxes of the county of Bedford, of the twenty-eighth day of May last, containing a report of their proceedings upon the law for compleating the quota of troops in the Federal army, assigned to this State.

Resolve of Congress of the eleventh of April last, for furnishing supplies to the amount of four hundred thousand in specie.

A letter from the Honourable Board of War, of the first instant, inclosing a letter from Colonel Broadhead to Congress.

A letter from Colonel Jacob Morgan of the thirty-first of May, inclosing a return of purchases and sundry extracts of letters from the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, stating their difficulties with regard to further purchases.

The representation of the Baron De Arentz being read and considered, and a due inquiry made into the circumstances of the case, the Council are of opinion that his case does not come within the laws of Pennsylvania: He is, therefore, referred to the United States, who, it is probable, may have under their consideration to make good the depreciation of the pay of those officers which do not belong to any particular State.

A petition from John Deans, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said John Deans to go into the city of New York, on condition that he give security not to return again without permission from this Board.

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The Honourable James Read, Esquire, Member of Council for the county of Berks, presented a resignation of his seat at the Board, in the following words, viz:

To his Excellency the President, and other the Members of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

James Read, member of the said Council for the county of Berks, begs leave to resign his seat in the said Supreme Executive Council, which he does on considerations of duty to his family, and with the sincerest assurances of his respect and esteem for his Excellency and the members with whom he has, for near three years past, sat in Council with great satisfaction.

JAMES READ.

Philad'a, June 4th, 1781.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Thompson.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the fourth instant was read, directing that no more of the bills of credit emitted in pursuance of an act passed on the seventh day of April last, be issued from the treasury, except at a value equal to gold or silver.

The claim of Jonathan Kirkbride, by William Lewis, Esquire, his Attorney, to an estate late belonging to Alexander Corbitt, an attainted traitor, being read, together with an application to this Board to stay the sale of the premisses,

Resolved, That the former rule of this Board be complied with, viz:

That the petitioner do make oath or affirmation of the truth and justice of his claim, and that the said conveyance is truly and bona fide, without any trust expressed or implied, for the said Corbitt, and that the petitioner do set forth in said affidavit the time of the sale, and the real consideration money, and what part thereof is paid; all which requisitions being complied with, the Board will take further order in the premises.

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The petition of Jane Redman, Administratrix of Michael Parker, being read, requesting payment of wages due Michael Parker, a deceased Continental soldier,

Resolved, That the said Jane Redman be referred to the pay officer of the United States, to whom the consideration of her claim properly belongs.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the following message be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly, viz't:

Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—By an act passed the last session, the Treasurer of the State was directed, after the first day of June, to exchange the bills of credit of the seventh of April last for old Continental money, at such a rate as this Board shou'd direct: The difficulty of establishing an exchange between different monies, has been found by experience to be very great; many respectable opinions deem it impracticable, and some dangerous.

We, therefore, request the House wou'd take this matter into consideration, and, as the Continental money is now out of circulation, determine the rate by which it shall be receiv'd, and wholly relieve us from a duty which by experience we find insupportable burthen.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, June 5th, 1781.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing a Register of the Court of Admiralty of this Commonwealth in the room of Andrew Robeson, Esquire, deceased.

And petitions from the following named persons, praying to be appointed to the said office, being read and considered, viz't:

James Read,	Alexander Graydon,
William Barton,	Peter Zachary Lloyd, &
John Vannost,	Henry Osborne,

And the same being ballotted for, James Read, Esquire, was unanimously elected; whereupon,

Resolved, That James Read, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Register of the Court of Admiralty of this Commonwealth, in the room of Andrew Robeson, Esquire, deceased.

The petition of Sarah Allen, in behalf of herself and children, to stay the sale of a tract of land, called the Big Springs, in the county of Berks, seized by the Agent of Confiscated Estates as the property of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, together with an affidavit of Benjamin Chew, Esquire, in support of the said petition, being read and considered,

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Resolved, That the refusal of William Allen, Esquire, deceased, on a like application, formerly to make oath of the title to said premisses, still continuing himself, with many other corroborating circumstances, afford just reason to believe the present claim, and the devise mentioned, to be ill founded.

And also, that the said claim being then abandoned, and the time allowed by law for making claims having long elapsed, this Board cannot grant the prayer of the said petition.

A petition from Elizabeth Stoops, convicted of larceny at a general Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Philadelphia the fifth of March last, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipp'd, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of seven pounds specie, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Elizabeth Stoops be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Van Campen.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Forrest, conveying a certain three story brick house and store adjoining, with the lotts whereon the same are erected, situate on the west side of Front street, between Walnut street and the Docke, in the city of Philadelphia, extending from Front street aforesaid to Dock street, (now in the tenure of John Maxwell Nesbitt and Company.) Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Andrew Elliott, an attainted traitor, for and during the term of his natural life, to the said Thomas Forrest, for the sum of eight hundred and seventy pounds lawfull money of Pensylvania, which sum he, the said Thomas Forrest, has duly paid to the Agents of Forfieted Estates in the said city, in six depreciation certificates, agreeable to the conditions of sale. Deed dated the sixth instant.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Auditors of the Public Accounts be directed to call upon Colonel Francis Johnston for a settlement of the money received by him on account of his depreciation, amounting to

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one hundred and twenty-five pounds, and that the said settlement be indorsed upon the certificate given him for his depreciation.

Sundry papers, petitions, and complaints against Colonel Broadhead, Commandant at Fort Pitt, having been transmitted to this Board, and read,

Resolved, That the same be forwarded to the Honourable the Delegates of Pensylvania in Congress, who are desired to take such order thereupon as they shall deem conducive to justice and the public interest.

Abraham Dubois and William Goforth, Esquires, Auditors for setling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the regiment of Artillery stationed at Newton, Bucks county, attended agreeable to the direction of the county, it appearing that they had granted certificates for depreciation to officers who were not intitled by law; and the reasons given by them for so doing not being satisfactory,

Resolved, That this Council disapprove of the conduct of the said Auditors therein, and that it be recommended to them to rectify the said error as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 7th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Van Campen.

A petition from Major Lewis, in behalf of himself and others, lately arrived in a Flag vessel from Charleston, was read, praying permission to ship on board said vessel four thousand weight of tobacco, they having chartered the vessel for the said quantity of tobacco, or a sum of money, in gold or silver, equivalent thereto; thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Boreman, for the sum of seven thousand pounds, of the money emitted by act of Assembly, passed the seventh day of April last, to be by him forwarded to Messrs. Alexander Fowler and William Ambersone, at Fort Pitt, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line at that place one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which the said Auditors are to account.

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James Read, Esquire, attended in Council, and took the oaths necessary to qualify him for the execution of his office of Register of the Court of Admiralty of this State.

Mr. Delany, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mifflin, and Mr. Slough, a committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, attended, and requested a conference with the Council, on the subject of the message from Council to the Assembly of the fourth instant; and thereupon, a free conference was had, respecting the late very important requisition from Congress and the Commander-in-Chief.

Resolved, That the following message be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly, vizt:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—We think it necessary to acquaint you, that at present the collection of arrearages of taxes, militia fines, and other publick dues, is suspended, except where persons chuse to pay them in State money, or specie, at the exchange of one for seventy-five. We wou'd recommend it to the House to include this object in the consideration of the rate of exchange which will come before them, so as to ascertain explicitly the future mode of collection.

We must also request the House to devise some mode to satisfy the persons who lately furnished the City Commissioner with flour, under the act of Assembly intitled, "An act to permit the exportation of flour, of wheat, from this State, by sea, under certain limitations and restrictions," and who declined taking the State money on account of the depreciation, as represented in Captain Hazlewood's application, herewith communicated.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philad'a, June 6th, 1781.

A petition from James Gallant, convicted of felony at a city court held for the city of Philadelphia, in January last, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipp'd, and pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of five pounds, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 8th, 1781

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Van Campen.

A petition from Sarah Ball, praying a pass to the city of New York, with permission to return, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that she give security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

The representation of the Auditors of Accounts, setting forth that sundry persons have receiv'd certificates of depreciation under the late act of Assembly, who did not appear entitled thereto, amounting to three thousand seven hundred and fifty-one pounds five shillings, specie; being read,

Resolved, That the said Auditors be directed to lay the same before the Honourable House of Assembly, with a short state of the matter, as being most proper for the consideration of the House.

A memorial was also presented by the Surveyor General, Secretary, and Receiver General of the Land Office, setting forth sundry defects and omissions in the act for opening the Land Office, under which their several appointments have been made.

Resolved, That the said memorialists be directed to lay the case and difficulties therein stated before the Honourable House of Assembly, for their consideration and relief.

The record of the conviction of John Shaffer, convicted of burglary, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held at Yorktown, for the county of York, the twenty-first day of May last, and sentenced to be hanged by the neck till he be dead; being now read: A petition from divers inhabitants of the borough and county of Lancaster, in behalf of the said John Shaffer, being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That a pardon be granted to the said John Shaffer, on condition that he inlist as a soldier in one of the regiments of this State, to serve during the present war, without a bounty.

The record of the conviction of John Baker, convicted of burglary at the said court, and sentenced as aforesaid, being now read and considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued under the less seal of the State, for execution of the said sentence on Saturday the thirtieth day of June instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock of the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

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The record of the conviction of John Perry, found guilty of burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held at Carlisle, for the county of Cumberland, the twenty-eighth day of May last, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck till he be dead, being now read: The record of the conviction of negro Suckey, found guilty of arson at the said court, and sentenced as aforesaid, being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That a warrant be issued under the less seal of the State, for execution of the said sentence upon them, the said John Perry and negro Suckey, on Saturday, the seventh day of July next, between the hours, &ca., as aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Whitehill.

Mr. Delany, Mr. Mark Bird, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Galbraith, a committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, attended and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of recruiting the Pensylvania line, and a conference was accordingly had, at which General Irvine was present.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the sixth instant, was receiv'd and read, inclosing a resolution of the Honourable Congress, directing that all bills issued in the respective States, in pursuance of the resolution of the eighteenth of March, 1780, after the expiration of one year from the time the interest on such bills begins to be compleated, be stamped with the words or characters: "Int'st p'd one (or 1) year." That such of the said bills as have already issued, whenever the said interest is paid, be stamped in like manner to prevent the necessity and expence of exchanging them; that the several States suspend as far as possible, the issuing of such part of their respective quotas of said bills as remain to be issued.

A petition from William Williamson, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Samuel Oliver and Martha Fox, at a city Court held in October last, and sentenced to be publickly whipp'd and pay two several fines to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fines; thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be remitted.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

On consideration,

Resolved, That John Hambright, Esquire, of the county of Lancaster, be authorized and directed to take charge of the barracks of the said county, untill the farther order of this Board.

The Council taking into consideration that the reprieve lately granted to Thomas Wilkinson, confined in the old goal, under sentence of death, expired this day.

Resolved, That the said Thomas Wilkinson be reprieved for the further term of twenty-one days, from this day.

A petition from Stephen Collins, setting forth that an estate lately seized by the Agents of Confiscated Estates, as the estate of Benjamin Booth, an attainted traitor, situate on the west side street near the corner of Arch street, is vested in certain trustees for the benefit of the creditors of James Steele, deceased; that the said Benjamin Booth hath no interest, share, or part, in the said premisses, and praying that the same may be discharged from the seizure aforesaid; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, be directed not to proceed to a sale of said estate untill the farther order of the Board.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Major James Parr, conveying one full, even, and equal moiety, or undivided half part of a certain three story brick messuage or tenement and lott of ground thereunto belonging, situate on the north side of Mulberry street between Third and Fourth streets, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth sixteen feet, and extending in depth one hundred and forty feet: bounded eastward by the Presbyterian meeting house; northward by a twenty-six feet wide alley, formerly called Appletree alley; westward by a messuage and lott, late of Lawrence Growden, deceased; and southward by Mulberry street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor, to the said Major James Parr, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia. Deed dated the seventh instant.

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A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Major James Parr, conveying a certain lot and piece of ground and wharf, with the stores thereon erected, situate on the east side of Water street, and on the south side of Sassafras street, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth twenty feet, and extending from Water street aforesaid into the river Delaware, as far as low water mark; bounded southward by other ground late of John Parrock, now of Jacob Bunner, Esquire, eastward by the river Delaware, at low water mark aforesaid, northward by Sassafras street aforesaid, and westward by Water street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law as the estate late of John Parrock, an attainted traitor, to the said Major James Parr, for the sum of one thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, subject to a yearly ground rent of fifty five bushells of wheat and one-half bushell, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfieted Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the seventh instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mess'rs James Stephenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, State money, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum they, the said Stephenson and Nicholson, are to account.

A return of an election of Justices for the township of Sadsbury, in the county of Chester, being read, and the same being irregular,

Resolved, That the said return be sent back to the Judges of the said election, and that they be directed to make a return in due form of law.

A resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the eleventh instant, was receiv'd and read, directing that the average price of common labour by the day, for the purpose of ascertaining the pay of fines and penalties of the militia of this State, be three shillings and six pence, payable in gold or silver money.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Van Campen.

A petition from Ashton Humphreys, praying to be appointed a Notary Publick in this State, being read and considered,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

The following message being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly.

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN—We have receiv'd an alarming account of the depredations of the savages, and presing demands for ammunition, which we communicate: We also send you the report of the State Commissary of Military Stores, by which you will see our inability to give them even this necessary assistance.

We are farther to acquaint you that, in our present circumstances we cannot procure the desired articles, consistent with your resolve of the eleventh instant, without the special aid of your Honourable House: We are importuned to call out the militia for the support of the remaining settlers, and are disposed to comply, but, in the present unprovided state of supplies and amunition, we do not see that any effectual service can be expected: We must, therefore, recommend this important subject to your consideration.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, June 12th, 1781.

An application from Lieutenant Solomon Bush, for a settlement of his depreciation, agreeable to a late act of Assembly, being read and considered,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, and that the said Auditors be directed to apply to the Attorney General of the State for his advice and opinion thereupon.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the seventh instant, was receiv'd and read, urging a strict compliance with the

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requisitions of Congress of the thirty-first ult'o, upon this State, for four battalions of Infantry, one company of Artillery, and a corps of horse of sixty-four Dragoons; and requesting that orders may be given to the officers commanding the respective corps to march by detachment, as they are raised and equipped, to whatever place may be the head quarters of the American army in Virginia, or in Maryland, (shou'd the enemy have advanced into that State,) and take their further commands from the General or other commanding officer.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Whitehill.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Jonathan Kirkbride and John Beaumont, who have produced to this Board their respective claims against the estate of Alexander Corbitt, an attainted traitor, situate in Upper Makefield township, in the county of Bucks; and the said claims appearing to be well founded,

Resolved, That George Wall, Junior, Esquire, Agent of Confiscated Estates in the said county, be directed not to proceed to a sale of the said estate.

Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Harris, Mr. J. Burd, and Mr. Brown, a committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, attended, and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of the message of Council to the General Assembly respecting the defence of the frontiers; and thereupon a conference was had accordingly.

A petition from John Connor, praying that the brigg Elizabeth, and her cargoe, lately seized by the Naval Officer, may be restored to him, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee, viz: Honourable the Vice President, Doctor Gardner, and Mr. Thompson.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Whitehill.

A petition from Francis Oberlin, of the county of Northampton, merchant, praying a pass to the city of New York, for himself and family, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted, on condition that he give sufficient security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Captain Michael Simpson, conveying a certain lot or piece of ground, situate on the east side of Water street, between Sassafrass and Mulberry streets in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth twenty-five feet six inches, and extending in depth from Water street aforesaid into the river Delaware to low water mark: Bounded, northward by ground late of John Parrock, now of Jacob Bunner; eastward by the river Delaware at low water mark, as aforesaid; southward by ground of Joseph Warner; and westward by Water street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, an attainted traitor, to the said Captain Michael Simpson, for the sum of five hundred and sixty pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania; subject to a yearly ground rent of sixteen bushells and eight-tenths of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said city, the remaining fourth part being reserved for the purposes aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

The Secretary reports, that he had delivered to Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, the books and papers of the Receiver General's office, agreeable to the order of this board of the sevepth of May last, as follows, vizt:

"A list of books, containing the Records of the Receiver Gene-
" ral's office, under the late Government of Pensylvania, vizt:

" Thirteen rent rolls, not bound, indorsed as follows: A rent
" roll of Philadelphia county, beginning with the Northern Liber-
" ties.

"A rent roll of Philadelphia, beginning with Oxford township,
" 1722; (these two contain 85 pages, and there is an alphabet
" referring to them)

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"Philadelphia county rent roll, containing Oxford, Dublin, "Byberry, Bristoll and Cheltenham townships, (with an alphabet, "14 pages.)

"Rent roll for the county of Philadelphia, (58 pages with an alphabet.)

"Rent roll for the county of Philadelphia, (63 pages with an alphabet.) This book is very old, and torn in the middle, but the "writing remains legible.

"Rent roll for the county of Chester, beginning with Chester "township, thirty-eight pages.

"Rent roll for the county of Chester, beginning with Chichester "ter township, (58 pages, from 39 to 91, inclusive,) (no alphabet "to these two.)

"Welsh township, Great Valley, Chester county, (28 pages; "this book is very old, torn in the middle, but the writing legible, "with an alphabet.)

"Rent roll, county of Bucks, (37 pages and alphabet.)

"Rent roll for the county of Bucks, (27 pages.)

"Rent roll for Bucks county, (50 pages and alphabet.)

"Rent roll of lands lately granted—See Supplement, (92 pages "and alphabet.)

"Rent roll, supplement to lands granted particularly for Lancaster county, (90 pages with an alphabet.)

"Six large folios, bound and indorsed as follows, viz:

"Rent roll for the county of Philadelphia, 210 pages; P. C. 1 "to 182; P. C. 183 to 364; P. C. 365 to 546; P. C. 547 to 728; "P. C. 729 to 906. (The five last mentioned contain the number "of pages on them respectively, and have each of them an alphabet "list.)

"One endersed Philadelphia city, Rent roll C. P., and alphabet "aforesaid.

"Five large folios, bound and endorsed as follows, viz:

"Rent roll for Bucks county, 1 to 118; B. C. 1 to 182; B. C. "183 to 360; B. C. 361 to 536; B. C. 537 to 714; (these four "contain the number of pages endorsed upon them respectively, and "have each of them an alphabet prefixed.)

"Six large folios, bound and endorsed as follows, viz:

"Rent roll for the county of Chester, 1 to 239, 66. 1 to 176, "C. C. 177 to 335; C. C. 336 to 531; C. C. 532 to 709; "C. C. 710 to 835, (containing the number of pages endorsed on "them respectively, and have each of them an alphabet prefixed.)

"Six large folio rent rolls, bound and endorsed, viz:

"Lancaster county, 1 to 183; Lancaster county, 185 to 344; "Lancaster county, 345 to 524; Lancaster county, 525 to 806; "Lancaster county, 807 to 1000; Lancaster county, 1001 to 1196; "containing the number of pages endorsed on them respectively, "and they have each of them an alphabet prefixed to it.

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"Three folio rent rolls for the county of York, bound and endorsed as follows, vizt:

"Y. C. 1 to 200; Y. C. 201 to 400; Y. C. 401 to containing the number of pages endorsed on them respectively, and they have each of them an alphabet prefixed to it.

"Three folio rent rolls far the county of Cumberland, bound and endorsed as follows, vizt:

"Cumberland county, 1 to 200; Cumberland county, 201 to 400; Cumberland county, 401 to

"Four folio rent rolls for the county of Berks, bound and endorsed as follows, vizt:

"B. E. R. 1 to 200; B. E. R. 201 to 390; B. E. R. 391 to 593; B. E. R. 349 to

"Four folio rent rolls for the county of Northampton, bound and endorsed as follows, vizt:

"N. C. 1 to 184; N. C. 185 to 372; N. C. 373 to 574; N. C. 575 to

"Four smaller folio rent rolls endorsed as follows, vizt:

"Carlisle lotts; Yorktown lotts; Reading lotts; Easton lotts; (alphabets prefixed to each of the foregoing fifteen books.)

"Two unbound folios, endorsed as follows, vizt:

"Philadelphia city rent rolls, for the streets north and south; Philadelphia city rent rolls for the streets east and west; (alphabets to each.)

"Three cash books of quit rents, vizt:

"One quarto, not bound, endorsed quit-rent book A, paged to 23; one folio bound, endorsed B quit-rent, 1743, containing 180 pages; and one folio bound, endorsed C, paged to 133.

"Fourteen waste books, from 1719 to 1779, eighteenth December.

"Eight journalls, from A to H, inclusive.

"Eight ledgers, (with alphabets,) from A to H, inclusive.

"Receiv'd the tenth day of June, 1781, of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, Secretary of the Council, the books mentioned in the foregoing list, agreeable to the order of the President and Council of the seventh of May last. I say, receiv'd.

"FRANCIS JOHNSTON, R'r Gen'l."

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.
Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Whitehill and
Mr. Thompson.

The following Message being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

Gentlemen:—We have receiv'd this day a requisition of the Honourable the Congress for a corps of Cavalry. Your aid will be necessary to effect our compliance We therefore communicate the requisition, that it may be included in your consideration on the subject of supplies now before you.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, June 15, 1781.

Ordered, That the said message be presented to the House of Assembly, with the following papers, receiv'd and read, this day.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the fifteenth instant, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twelfth, for compleating Colonel Moylan's corps of Dragoons, by inlistments for three years, unless sooner discharged; and calling upon this State for three troops of militia Cavalry, including those called for by the act of Congress of the thirty-first ult'o, to serve for three months, to be marched by detachments as they are compleated, to join the Southern army, and discharged in proportion to the numbers inlisted into Moylan's corps.

WHEREAS, The Honourable the Continental Congress have required of this State three troops of militia Cavalry, consisting each of sixty-four non-commissioned officers and privates, for field service; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of each county do immediately direct the Light Horse of the several counties to hold themselves in readiness for field service at a short notice, and also do make a return forthwith of the state of the Cavalry, in numbers, horses and equipments.

Resolved, That the commanding officer of the Light Horse of the city of Philadelphia, do give the like orders to that corps, and do make a special return in like manner.

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A petition from John Patton and Benjamin Davis, Junior, setting forth their right to a city lott, in consequence of a purchase from the heirs or representatives of Thomas Seny, an original purchaser, such lott to be located at the south-east corner of Tenth and Mulberry streets, to be of ninety-nine feet front, and three hundred and six feet deep, appurtenant to the said grant, and praying that the Attorney General may be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premisses, so that the same may be brought to a tryal, and it appearing to the Board that the possession of said lott remains in the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and the Attorney General directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premisses, agreeably to the late act of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Cunningham.

The following message being read and considered, vizt:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council, to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—We send you a requisition this moment delivered us, from the Board of War. You must be sensible that in our present situation, the Executive powers of the State have not the means of complying with this requisition, even for immediate subsistence. Nor can we entirely acquiesce in the reasoning on which this measure, so distressing to this State, has been founded, as we are fully persuaded that upon candid inquiry into the supplies furnished by the State of every kind, it will appear to bear a comparison with every of its neighbours. But, however just the reasoning, or however proper the measure, our compliance is impracticable without your immediate assistance.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, June 16th, 1781.

Ordered, That the said Message be presented to the Honourable House, with a letter from his Excellency General Washington, re-

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ceiv'd this day, directing that the Convention troops be halted at Easton, in the State of Pensylvania, and setting forth his reasons therefor; also, a resolution of Congress approving the same, and sundry other papers inclosed in the said letter.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 18th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Thompson,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President of the State, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, dated the twenty-ninth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, in part of his salary as President, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Thompson, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds, of the State money, dated the twenty-ninth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A petition from Susannah Murphy, praying remission of a fine, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia to be paid by her, amounting to the sum of twenty pounds, was read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, and that the said Susannah Murphy be released from confinement, on condition that she departed the State forthwith, and not return again, on pain of being recommitted.

A petition from Casper Iserlo, praying to be discharged from confinement, on condition of his entering on board the frigate Trumbull, was read; and thereupon the same was rejected.

A petition from Miles Martin, now confined in the old goal, praying remission of his fine, payable to the use of the State, and to be discharged from confinement, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted, and he be discharged from confinement, on condition of his entering on board the Continental frigate Trumbull, to serve during the continuance of the present war, without bounty.

Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Montgomery, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council.

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The committee informed the Council that a proposition had been made in the House to address the people on the present State of publick affairs, and that the House had directed them to confer with Council, and inquire whether they are willing to join with the House in this address.

The Council being disposed to give every assistance in their power, proposed that a committee be appointed by the House, and one by the Council, which two committees shall prepare and bring in an essay of the proposed address for consideration.

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Irvine has represented to this Board that a number of spirited, well affected inhabitants of the counties West Susquehanna, have signified their intentions of equipping themselves to act as Light Horse and Volunteers, to be in readiness to repel any incursion of the enemy in this State, and in case of necessity, to march to the relief and assistance of our neighbouring States, now invaded by the enemy, and in great distress.

Resolved, That this Board do highly approve the spirit manifested on this occasion, and also of General Irvine's intentions to form said volunteers, and take charge of them in the proposed service, and do for that purpose assure him and them, that they shall receive all proper and necessary encouragement from this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 19th June, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Thompson,	

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the fifteenth instant, was receiv'd and read, acknowledging the receipt of the letters from the President of the seventeenth ult. and sixth instant, informing that Lieutenant Colonel Carrington, of the first Artillery regiment, will succeed to the fourth, lately commanded by Colonel Proctor and Colonel Forrest, removed to the first; that the proceedings of the Court Martial on the trial of Lieutenant Bigham, have been transmitted to him, with the sentence by which he is cashiered, and that he hath approved the same.

Ordered, That the said letter be filed.

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Colonel Joseph Hart appeared before the Council, and also Captain Joseph Hart. The petition of Captain Joseph Hart was read as follows, viz:

To the Honourable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pensylvania.

The petition of Captain Joseph Hart, of the township of Warminster and county of Bucks, humbly sheweth:

That in consequence of an act of the Honourable Assembly, passed the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, it became the duty of your petitioner to hire two men to serve in the Federal army for a certain time:

That your petitioner neither refused nor neglected to perform the duties required of him by this act. He speedily hired one man, at an easy rate, advanced the money to pay him, and was likely to procure another before the time appointed by the Lieutenant of the county, but before the time came, the said Lieutenant, Mr. Joseph Hart, hired a second person, and having first required your petitioner to pay him, he afterwards directed him to pay another, whom he, the said Lieutenant, had hired for another township, saying he wou'd make Captain Walker pay the man he had hired for your petitioner. Your petitioner complied, and agreeable to the tenor of the said act of Assembly, assessed the township to the amount, but through a collision between the said Lieutenant and the collector, the whole monies thus raised were grasped by the said Lieutenant, Joseph Hart, and are now fraudulently held by him, to the great injury of your petitioner, who is hereby deprived of more than two thousand pounds, advanced near a year ago on the publick account.

To you, gentlemen, as the court to which he is ameanable, your petitioner flies for redress in what concerns himself.

The above facts, with some others related to them, your petitioner is ready to support by substantial evidence, and begs an opportunity may be given him for that purpose, that justice may be done, and none in future discouraged from hazarding their property to serve the public, or applying to the supreme authority of Pensylvania for redress of the wrongs done by their officers; and your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Warminster, May 28th, 1781.

The evidences having been heard on both sides of the question, and the observations thereupon by Captain Hart, and the defence of Colonel Hart being also heard, agreed, that the Council will deliberate upon the case untill to-morrow.

Colonel James M'Masters informed the Council that he had been elected to an office, the return of which, he supposed had been made to Council; that he thought himself ill used by Colonel

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Hart; and that if a commission was to be issued to him, he thought it his duty to inform the Council that he wou'd not receive the commission through Colonel Hart; that he wou'd receive any order from Council through any other Lieutenant of the county except Colonel Hart.

Note.—The minute was read to Colonel McMasters, and he agreed that it contained the information he gave to Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money, dated the seventh day of April last, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which the said James Stephenson and John Nicholson are to account.

The following message being read and considered, viz't:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council, to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pensylvania, in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—The publick necessities compel us to address you in a language more serious and decisive than any we have ever yet adopted. Our respective powers are by the Constitution mutually defined and limitted. It is with you to provide the means of supporting the just and necessary war in which we are engaged—of procuring the supplies and relieving the publick distresses. It is with us to execute the laws, and apply those means to publick purposes; and we are to abide the judgment of our country on the faithfull performance of our duty. But we cannot consent that the publick burthens shou'd be devolved on us by hasty resolves, formed at the close of your sessions, or be left by you in a state of responsibility for the great and important demands upon this State, which we have communicated to you, and which have been now before you a considerable time. You must be sensible, gentlemen, that the operation of any tax law will, with all possible expedition, be too slow for our immediate necessities; that the support of the Fœderal army, the subsistence of a great number of prisoners, the relief of the frontiers, and other daily wants of various kinds, require instant provision of the means of purchase, or that you shou'd devise some other mode. While the tranquility of the State admits the full operation of the Legislature, we neither can or will exercise any other powers than such as will bear the full test of future inquiry; and shou'd events fatal or injurious to the State follow in consequence of our being left in a state of inability to furnish our contingent in the publick cause, or to guard against the practices of its deadly enemies, we shall hold ourselves justly acquitted before all the world.

We have laid the State of the publick wants fully before you; it was the hope of immediate relief that induced us to call you together, and though near three weeks have now elapsed, we are in

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the same state of imbecility and distress as when the sessions began. We had flattered ourselves that in this important crisis, when the greatest events, both in Europe and America, are depending, you wou'd have adopted immediate and decisive modes to supply the army with provisions; support the frontiers; to recruit the line; strengthen the militia, and animate the well affected by just and reasonable distinctions between them and persons of a different character. The bills depending before the House, and its proceedings do not appear to us calculated to effect these important purposes, but rather to diminish the little strength and energy we retain. If the House, as it is to be presumed, is in possession of the confidence of the people, surely some immediate assistance might be drawn from those under whose choice your representation is so recently derived. We do most earnestly call upon you for this assistance, because without it we see no prospect of supplying the interval between this and the effective operation of the laws you may pass to furnish the treasury with such money as the people will receive in payment. Your own experience and observation make it unnecessary to inform you that neither the produce of the country or of commerce, are to be obtain'd for paper money, consistent with your late resolutions on that subject, which appear to us very proper. We, therefore, depend upon your providing us with other means before your adjournment, or relieve us from the responsibility in which we stand. The alarming consequences which, in our present situation, must ensue if we are not supported, are too obvious to need enumeration, and will not easily admit of exaggeration, but we shall stand justified, as we have faithfully and repeatedly, from session to session, stated the approaching difficulties, with clearness and precision.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, June 19th, 1781.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, June 20th, 1781, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Van Campen,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds, State

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money, dated the twenty-ninth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

The Council resumed the consideration of the charge exhibited by Captain Joseph Hart against Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, so far only as the said charge relates to his conduct as Lieutenant of the said county, and upon a full consideration of the evidence, the Council were unanimously of opinion that it doth not appear that Colonel Joseph Hart hath been guilty of any misbehaviour in his said office; and therefore,

Ordered, That the petition of the said Captain Joseph Hart be dismissed.

A letter from Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, dated the seventeenth instant, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster do call one hundred and twenty militia, for the purpose of guarding prisoners, to Easton and Philadelphia. The militia which may be sent to Easton, to continue there on duty untill relieved by the militia of the county of Northampton, and on their return to Lancaster to compleat their tour of duty as guards at Lancaster. The militia sent to Philadelphia, on their return to Lancaster also to compleat their tour of duty there as guards.

The following message being read and considered, viz:

Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlmen:—In the tenth section of the bill for recruiting the Federal army published for consideration, we observe that it is proposed that this Board shou'd be authorized to levy upon the classes who may be delinquent such farther sum than nine pounds as may be necessary to inlist a recruit for every delinquent class. We apprehend this power to be unconstitutional, and amounting, in fact, to an unlimitted power to tax the people inconsistent with the eighth section of the bill of rights, which is declared to be a part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and never to be violated on any pretence whatever. We can neither exercise this power ourselves or consent to establish a precedent of this nature. Nor do we think it necessary; the Honourable House are as competent judges as the Council what sum will probably be sufficient to engage recruits, or if there are inconveniences in fixing the sum, the like mode as in other States, and lately in this, might be adopted, viz: to enjoin the class to procure a man, or if procured by any officer, to pay the expence, which may be various in different parts of the State, whereas, if affixed by Council, it must be done at a precise sum in every part, however different the circumstances. We must,

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therefore, before the bill receives its final sanction, recommend this clause to the farther consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honourable House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday June 21st, 1781,

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Thompson,	

A letter was written, directed to the Speaker of the Honourable House of General Assembly, requesting a conference with the House and the Delegates of this State in Congress, upon the present situation of publick affairs.

The Council taking into consideration the case of John Perry, convicted of burglary, in the county of Cumberland, and now under sentence of death, and he being recommended for mercy by the Honourable the Chief Justice; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Perry be pardoned, on condition that he inlist as a soldier in one of the regiments of this State to serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 22d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

General Mifflin and Mr. Allison, a Committee of the Honourable House of Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that the House are now ready to confer with the Council and Delegates of the State in Congress, agreeable to the request of Council of yesterday; thereupon, the Council met the House in the Assembly room, and a conference was had accordingly.

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The petition of Monsieur Massonnare, praying this Board to stay the prosecution of a forfieture of a quantity of rum and sugar, seized by the Naval Officer for non-entry agreeable to law. And the said petitioner having established on oath the facts set forth in his said petition, by which it appears that no fraud was intended, but the Captain of the vessel had neglected to make the entry without any concurrence or approbation of the owner, or design to evade payment of the customs.

Resolved, That the Naval Officer do cause the said Captain to be prosecuted at law for his delinquency.

Resolved, That the Attorney do stay prosecution against the effects of the petitioner, and that the Naval Officer, being satisfied of his own claims of seizure, re-deliver the said effects to the petitioner, he paying the duties and all charges which have accrued.

A petition from Sarah Rooks, convicted of receiving stolen goods at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held at Philadelphia the ninth of April last, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of one hundred pounds, &ca., was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 23d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Robert Levers, Esquire, of the county of Northampton, be appointed and commissioned to be Lieutenant of the said county, in the room of Colonel Samuel Rea, resigned.

Resolved, That John McFarren, Jun'r, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northampton.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, June 25th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Cuningham,

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, be directed to call into service the third class of the eighth battalion of militia of the said county, for the purpose of guarding British prisoners.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, June 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Cunningham,

WHEREAS, The Honourable Board of War, by direction of Congress, have made a requisition of a corps of militia for the service of the United States:

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia be directed to call forth one class of the city militia, the same to be properly officered, and the commanding officer to receive orders from the President of the State.

WHEREAS, A number of the Convention prisoners have been directed by the Honourable Congress and his Excellency General Washington, to continue in the State 'till farther orders, which will require a guard of militia:

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the county of York do call out one class of the militia of the said county, for the purpose aforesaid, provided the said class shall amount to one hundred men; if not, then to call another class, or so many classes of the battalions next in order, as shall amount to that number, officers included.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks do call out one class of the militia of the said county, for the purpose

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aforesaid, provided the said class shall amount to one hundred men; if not, then to call another class, or so many classes of the battalions next in order as shall amount to that number, officers excluded.

Resolved, That Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, be directed to call into service one class of the militia of the said county next in order, for the purpose of relieving the militia at present stationed on the frontiers.

The Board taking into consideration the appointing a Paymaster of the militia of the county of York, in the room of Colonel William Scott, appointed Lieutenant of the said county; and William Alexander being recommended to the Council as a proper person for the said office; thereupon,

Resolved, That William Alexander, Esquire, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the said county, in the room of the said Colonel Scott.

Resolved, That John Weams, Esquire, of the county of York, be appointed a Sub-Lieutenant of the said county.

A letter from Honourable James Potter, Esquire, of the twenty-eight ult'o, was read, recommending the appointing a Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northumberland; thereupon,

Resolved, That William Gray, Esquire, be appointed Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northumberland in the room of Mr. Thomas Jordan.

A petition from William Lane, praying to be paid for fourteen musquetts procured at his own expence and delivered to Mr. Peter Dehaven, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that the same is properly a charge against the United States and ought to be paid by the Board of War.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Ensign Samuel Quinn, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, State money, to be paid to William Gray, Esquire, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Northumberland, for the purpose of paying Capt'n Robeson's company of Rangers, raised in the said county, for which sum the said Paymaster is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Quinn be appointed and commissioned to be Ensign of a company of Rangers raised in the county of Northumberland, the commission to continue in force for and during the space of seven months from the first day of May last.

The following resolutions of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the twenty-fifth instant, were receiv'd and read, vizt:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Monday, June 25th, 1781.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of the finances of the United States be authorized and requested to procure on account of this State

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the article of specific supplies required by Congress, upon the best terms on which he may be able to obtain the same; and that the faith of this State be pledged, and it is hereby pledged, to fulfill such contracts as he shall enter into for that purpose: Provided always, that the supplies so purchased or procured, shall be carried to the account of this State in the manner directed by the acts of Congress requiring such supplies.

Secondly. That the said Superintendant be also authorized, and he is hereby authorized and requested to procure and pay into the Continental Treasury, on behalf of this State, so much of the paper bills of creditt emitted by other States, agreeably to the resolutions of Congress of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as will discharge to the United States the ballance due on the four-tenths of the quota of the said bills emitted, and intended to have been emitted by this State.

And whereas, The taxes now laid on the city and county of Philadelphia and the several counties of this State, by An act intitled "A supplement to the act intitled an act for refunding and "redeeming the bills of credit of the United States of America, "and for providing means to bring the present war to an happy "conclusion," passed the nineteenth day of December, 1780; and by an act entitled "An Act for raising effective supplies for the "year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one," passed the twenty-first instant; and also by an act intitled "An Act for raising "additional supplies for the year one thousand seven hundred and "eighty-one," passed this day, together with the sale of certain city lotts, directed to be sold by an act entitled "An Act for the better "support of publick credit by an immediate sale of the lands therein "mentioned, and fully securing the purchasers thereof in their titles, "and also for preserving the common lands appurtenant to the city "of Philadelphia and other towns in this State, from unwarrantable "encroachment," passed the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, will when carried into execution, bring into the Treasury of this State the whole of the bills of credit admitted to be receiv'd in payment of the said taxes and sales; therefore,

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be directed, and he is hereby ordered and directed, not to issue or re-issue from and after this date, any of the said bills of credit that now or hereafter may be in his possession, from any cause, nor any pretence whatever, excepting only the bills which have been emitted according to the act of Assembly entitled "An Act for emitting the sum of five "hundred thousand pounds, in bills of credit, for the present support "of the army, and for establishing a fund for the redemption there-"of, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the seventh day of April, 1781, and those only upon warrants which may be drawn on him by the said Superintendant, and which shall be countersigned by the President, or Vice President in Council: Pro-

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vided always, notwithstanding, that the sum of thirty thousand pounds shall be reserved and appropriated under the direction of the Supreme Executive Council, to the other exigencies of the State, agreeable to law and former resolutions of the House.

Resolved, That for the purposes aforesaid, and also for complying with other the requisitions made or which may be made by Congress, for the publick service, the said Superintendant be, and he is hereby authorized and impowered to draw warrants on the Treasurer of this State for any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole, five hundred thousand pounds, which warrants the said Treasurer shall pay in the bills last mentioned: Provided always, That if specie shall be brought into the Treasury in lieu of the bills of credit first above mentioned, or of any part thereof, then the said warrants shall be paid in specie, so far as the specie so brought in may extend: And also provided, That this State shall have credit in account with the United States, for all the monies so drawn for by the said Superintendant, and pay to his order as for so much specie, excepting such part thereof as shall be by him expended for the purposes mentioned in the first and second of the preceding resolutions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be and he hereby is directed not to pay any farther sums of the old Continental money into the loan office, untill the further orders of the house.

Extract from the minutes.

SAMUEL STERETT, Clerk.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be filed.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, June 27th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Cunningham.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Daniel Sower, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, State money, amount of his account for fifty ream of printed paper, for the purpose of reprinting the laws of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of nine hundred and sixty-eight pounds four

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shillings, State money, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, being money advanced by him for cloathing for the Pensylvania troops.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds eighteen shillings and two pence, specie, money advanced by him as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster do call forth so many men of the Battalions of the county of Lancaster who are of the next class in tour of duty as will amount to fifty, exclusive of officers, to march to Northumberland, to relieve the militia now on duty there.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland do call out one class of the militia of the said county, in order of duty, to relieve the militia on duty in Bedford county, so as the number of men amount to one hundred, exclusive of officers.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Honourable George Bryan, Esquire, and Mr. George Schlosser, be authorized and requested to superintend the sale of the city lots, to be made agreeable to the act of Assembly passed the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, intitled "An Act for the better support of the publick "credit, by an immediate sale of the lands therein mentioned, and "fully securing the purchasers thereof in their titles; and also for "preserving the common lands appurtenant to the city of Philadel- "phia and other towns of this State, from unwarrantable encroach- "ment."

A petition from Samuel York, praying permission to go to Elizabeth Town, in New Jersey, to meet his brother Thomas York on the lines, was read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

A petition from Elizabeth Overholtz, widow of John Overholtz, an attainted traitor, praying some relief out of the forfieted estate of her late husband, was read; and thereupon, the same was dismissed.

A petition from from Peter Iserlo and wife, on behalf of their son, now confined in the new gaol, praying that he may be discharged from confinement, was read, and the same was dismissed.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, June 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Thompson.

A petition from Mary Brown, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Elizabeth Bethel, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of the sum of fifteen pounds, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Mary Brown, be remitted.

A petition from John Miller, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Samuel Scotten, and sentenced to pay to the use of the State a fine of forty pounds, and to be publickly whipped, &ca., was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Miller, be remitted.

A like petition from Margaret Win Stanley, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Elizabeth Lawrence, and sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred and fifty pounds to the use of the State, was read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Margaret Win Stanley, be remitted.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Friday, June 29th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Samuel Quinn laid before the Council a receipt from William Gray, Esquire, Pay Master of the militia of the county of Northumberland, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, State

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money, agreeable to the order of Council of the twenty-sixth instant; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer do charge the said sum of twelve hundred pounds to the said William Gray accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Henry Stufer, for the sum of three hundred pounds, State money, dated the seventh of April last, to be by him paid to William Henry, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Lancaster, for the purpose of exchanging for old Continental money, outstanding in the said county, in part of the quota of this State, for which sum the said Treasurer is to be accountable.

Major General St. Clair having recommended the following gentlemen as proper persons to receive the recruits to be raised in the several counties, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed the last session, intitled "An Act for recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the army of the United States," vizt:

Counties of Northampton and Bucks—Colonel Craig, Captain James Christie and Captain Claypoole, or either of them, at Easton and Newtown.

County of York—Major James Moore or Captain Burke, at McAllisterstown.

Lancaster—Major Grier or Captain Patten, at Lebanon; Captain Turnbull, for the Artillery at Lancaster; Major Fountleroy, for the Cavalry at Lancaster.

Berks—Captain John Christie or Captain Bowers, at Reading.

Chester—Lieutenant Colonel Noarth, Capt'n Lusk and Captain Kennedy, at the Yellow Springs.

Philadelphia—Lieutenant Colonel Mentges, Captain Keene and Capt'n Jackson, at Philadelphia.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said gentlemen be appointed to receive recruits in the said counties accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, June 30th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Cunningham.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for purchasing

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ammunition for the defence of the frontiers of this State, for which the Commissary is to account.

In favour of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of one hundred and fourteen pounds specie, for his services in surveying and dividing into lots the State island, and for the wages of his attendants.

In favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases in the several counties, for the sum of two thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of procuring supplies of provisions for the use of the army of the United States, for which the said Saperintendant is to be accountable.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, to Alexander Powers, conveying a certain two story frame tenement and lot of ground situate on the east side of second street in the district of Southwark, containing in breadth twenty feet, and extending in depth sixty-five feet, bounded northward by ground of James Skinner, eastward by ground late of Alexander Alexander, southward by ground of James Rowan, and westward by Second street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate of John Fox, an attainted traitor, to the said Alexander Powers, for the sum of seven hundred and sixty pounds, lawfull money of Pensylvania, subject to a yearly ground rent, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, of twenty-two bushells and eight-tenths of good merchantable wheat, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth part being reserved for the aforesaid purpose; and subject also to a ground rent of six pounds lawfull money of Pensylvania, payable to George Emlen, the younger, his heirs and assigns, and to the arrearages of the same. Deed dated this day.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Attorney General of the State be directed to make inquiry respecting publick money, not accounted for, in the hands of John Sigfriedt, Esquire, late Sheriff of the county of Northampton, arising from the sale of the property of sundry persons, seized agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, intitled "An Act for the further security of the government; and that he be also directed to prosecute the said John Sigfriedt at common law, for the said money, if necessary, in behalf of the Commonwealth.

A letter from Robert Good, of the tenth instant, was read, praying leave to resign his office of Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A letter from Colonel Adam Hubley, of the thirteenth instant, recommending Mr. William Smith as a proper person for the office

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of Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, in the room of Robert Good, Esquire, resigned, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That William Smith, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, in the room of Robert Good, Esquire.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, July 2nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice Presid't.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham.

A petition from Thomas Murphy, convicted of felony upon two indictments, in stealing the goods of Ann Brian and James Carathers, at a City Court held at Philadelphia in January last, and sentenced to be publickly whipt, and pay two several fines to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the fines. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be remitted, on condition of his entering on board one of the Continental frigates, to serve during the present war without bounty.

The petition of James Parr and William Gray, setting forth in effect that they stood seized of a right under a certain Richard Wall, to a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, of eighty feet front on the back streets, for which a warrant hath been granted but not executed, and praying that their said claim may be heard and examined by the Council, &c., agreeable to an act intitled "An Act "for the better support of the publick credit by an immediate sale "of the lands therein mentioned, and fully securing the purchasers "thereof in their titles; and also for preserving the common lands, "appurtenant to the city of Philadelphia and other towns in this "State, from unwarrantable encroachment," was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said prayer of the said petition be granted, and that Monday the sixteenth instant be appointed to hear the said claim.

WHEREAS, By a report of the Lieutenant city, a greater number of militia have offered themselves to serve on the present tour than has been demand by the Honourable Congress; and the season rendering it inconvenient for the Battalions of the district of the Northern Liberties and Southern district, on account of the harvest of hay and grain:

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Resolved, That such parts of the class as belong to the said Liberties and districts, and now subject to the tour, be called on at the expiration of the present tour to relieve the militia of the city, and to perform the same duty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of forty-five pounds fifteen shillings, specie, for his wages as Doorkeeper, from the first day of May to the thirtieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, sixty-one days, at fifteen shillings per day.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, July the 3d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Honourable John Van Campen, Esquire, three hundred weight of gun powder, and four hundred weight of lead, to be delivered to Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for the purpose of defending the frontiers of the said county,

The Honourable John Van Campen, Esq'r, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council and mileage, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pensylvania to John Van Campen.

To attendance in Council from the twenty-eighth day of May to the third day of July instant, inclusive, 37 days, at 25s per day, - - - - - - - - -	£46 5
Mileage coming to Philad'a and returning home, 180 miles, at 1s, - - - - - - - - -	9
	£55 5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable John Van Campen, for the sum of fifty-five pounds five shillings, amount of the above account.

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In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, July 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Lacey,

A letter from his Excellency Samuel Huntingdon, Esquire, President, of the third instant, was receiv'd and read, inclosing an extract of a letter from his Excellency General Washington, requesting three hundred Riflemen from this State; and a resolve of Congress of the second instant, on the same subject.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The award of execution against Isaac Green the younger, attainted of high treason at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held at Philadelphia, the tenth day of April last, sentenced to be hanged by the neck till he be dead, being now read and considered; a petition from the said Isaac Green being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Isaac Green be pardoned, on condition that he enter on board the Continental Frigate Trumbull, and serve during the continuance of the present war without bounty.

The Honourable Joseph Montgomery, member of Congress for this State, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Congress, viz:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, in account with Joseph Montgomery.

For his attendance in Congress from the eighth day of December, 1780, to the first instant, 205 days, at 30s specie, - - - - - -		£307 10 0
Cr. By 44 days absence, - - - -	£66	
1780, Decem'r 28th, by cash, - - -	50	
1781, February 21st, by do., - - -	50	
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Ballance,		£141 10

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honourable Joseph Montgomery, for the sum of one hundred and forty-one pounds ten shillings, specie, ballance of the above account.

An application from John Reynolds, Gaoler, in behalf of Susanna Murphy, now confined in the old gaol, was read; and thereupon,

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Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Susanna Murphy, be remitted, and that she be discharged from confinement on paying her fees.

Resolved, That Jacob Morgan, Esquire, Superintendant of Purchases, be directed to write immediately to the several County Commissioners, to render their returns to the twentieth, that in the mean time he make up from the returns in the office, a general return of all purchases made and delivered to the Continental Commissarys, and that he forward such return to Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of the Finances of the United States, and that as soon as he shall recieve full returns to the twentieth instant, he then finish a compleat general return of the supplies furnished the United States, pursuant to the requisition of Congress of the fourth of November last, and forward it in like manner.

That he also forward to the said Mr. Morris the said requisition of Congress, the direction of General Washington thereupon, as to the places of deposit of such supplies, and the different quantities of each, with all such other papers as may be necessary to give clear information of the amount and disposition of such supplies, so as to enable the said Superintendant to judge what has been done and what remains to be done to comply with the said requisition of Congress.

A petition from Richard Peters, Esquire, surviving Executor and residuary devisee of the late Richard Peters, deceased, setting forth that the said Richard Peters, the testator, was in his life time intitled to divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, under the original purchases of John Mason and Adrian Vroesen from William Penn, late proprietor of Pensylvania, and praying that the Surveyor General may be directed to lay out the same accordingly, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Wednesday, the first day of August next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, be appointed to hear the claim of the said Richard Peters to the said lots, in the Council Chamber, and that a copy of the said petition be sent to John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State.

The Council taking into consideration a return of the prisoners confined for criminal offences, in the goal of the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the following named persons be pardoned, on condition of their entering on board the Continental Frigate Trumbull, to serve during the war, vizt:

1 William Williamson, convicted of felony; 2 Thomas Murphy, convicted of felony; 3 Henry McKeever, convicted of burglary; 4 John Miller, convicted of felony; 5 Miles Martin, convicted of horse stealing; 6 John Flanaghan, convicted of burglary; 7 Morgan O'Brian, convicted of felony; 8 Andrew Darcus, charged with felony; 9 John Anderson, convicted of felony; and 10 John Ru-

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kens, convicted of horse stealing; and that Christopher Simpson, a British prisoner, convicted of felony, be sent to the new gaol.

On consideration of the necessity of setling the remaining accounts of officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line,

Ordered, That Mr. John Nicholson be directed to proceed immediately to camp in order to settle the accounts of the general guards and the corps of Sappers and Miners, as were draughted from the Pensylvania line.

Ordered, That James Johnston, Esquire, be appointed Auditor of Accounts, with Mr. Nicholson, to settle the said depreciation accounts.

Ordered, That the said Auditors be directed to return to this Board their proceedings as soon as possible.

A letter from Henry Christ and Henry Haller, dated Reading, July 1st, 1781, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the said Christ and Haller, and inform them that the Council understand the tract of land on which the town of Reading stands to be an estate held by the proprietors in their public capacity, and accordingly devolves to the State; but that if any advice respecting the construction of the law be necessary to Mr. Christ and Mr. Haller, that it is proper they should state their question to the Attorney General, who will, of course, give his opinion thereupon.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

A letter from Colonel Nichola, Town Major, requesting leave among other things to appoint a Town Major in his absence upon a special occasion; on consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Nichola, Town Major, be authorised to appoint a deputy to act in his absence upon the present special occasion.

Ordered, That a further sale of the city lotts be held at the Coffee House, on Tuesday the seventeenth day of July instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the conditions on which the late sale was there held.

WHEREAS, The advertisements of the terms of sale of some of the forfeited estates, has by mistake of the printer, been differently published, which has, and may again embarrass the purchasers:

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Resolved, That the Agents of Forfeited Estates do forbear proceeding to a sale of any forfeited estates under this circumstance.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Mr. Benjamin Harbeson, conveying a certain two story brick messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground, situate on the west side of Fourth street, between High street and Chesnut street, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth fifteen feet, and in depth forty-nine feet six inches; bounded southward by a messuage and lot of Josiah Bell; westward by ground of John Gibson; northward by ground of the said John Gibson; and eastward by Fourth street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Isaac Allen, an attainted traitor, to the said Benjamin Harbeson, for the sum of twelve thousand pounds, old Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of six bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said Benjamin Harbeson hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated third day of February last.

A patent was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to John Nixon, of the city of Philadelphia, for two hundred and sixty-eight acres, and allowance of six per cent., situate in Turbutt township, in the county of Northumberland, surveyed by virtue of a warrant dated the twenty-second of November, 1773, to John Woodside, whose right is now vested in the said John Nixon, who hath paid to the Receiver General of the Land Office the sum of nineteen pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, being the arrearages of purchase money and interest due on the said land.

Saturday, July 7th, 1781.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Gardner.

A petition from Ann Florentine, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

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Resolved, That a pass be granted to her, on condition that she give security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 10th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Lacey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of seventy pounds, specie, for the purpose of making up cloathing for the use of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A petition from John Frederick Reichel, Missionary of the United Brethern Church, now sojourning at Bethlehem, in the forks of Delaware, praying permission to return to Saxony, the place of his residence, by the way of New York, with his wife, the son of Mr. Sweinitz of Bethlehem, a child of about ten years old, and a servant man, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, on condition that the said John Frederick Reichell give security not to return to this State or any of the United States, during the continuance of the present war.

An application from Benjamin Shoemaker, for permission to go to Shrewsbury, in the State of New Jersey, for the recovery of his health and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said permission be granted.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Lieutenant John Weidman, conveying a certain lot of ground, wharf and frame chair house, situate on the east side of Water street, and north side of Sassafrass street in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth twenty feet, and extending in depth from Water street, aforesaid, into the river Delaware as far as low water mark, reserving the priviledge of a passage or cartway from the adjoining lott across this lott into Sassafrass street; and also reserving the priviledge unto the owners of the different workshops erected on the said lott, to remove them when required by the purchaser: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, an attainted traitor, to the said Lieutenant John Weidman, for the sum of thirteen hundred and five pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvánia, subject to a yearly ground rent of thirty-

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nine bushels and three-twentieth parts of a bushel of good Merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State. three-fourth parts of the said sum, he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-forth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Lacey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, for the purpose of repairing the State House, for which sum the said Thomas Nevill is to account.

David Kennedy, Esq'r, Secretary of the Land office, presented to the Council a warrant, which was signed by the President, for the acceptance of a survey to Alexander Powers, of one hundred and forty-four acres and one hundred twenty-eight perches of land, situate in Kishiquoquillis Valley in the county of Cumberland, made on an application entered in the Secretary's office the second day of March, 1767, and numbered 2934.

A letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, of the tenth instant, was read, informing the Board that the Hon'ble Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, is elected President of Congress, in the room of his Excellency Samuel Huntington, Esquire, resigned, the state of his health not permitting him to continue longer in that office.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Thursday, July 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

A letter from the Hon'ble Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of the Finances of the United States of America, of the sixth

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instant, was read, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the twenty-eighth ult'o, directing that the said Superintendant be furnished with an account of the several requisitions of money and supplies from the States, and that he take measures for calling upon them and pressing a compliance with the said requisitions.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

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